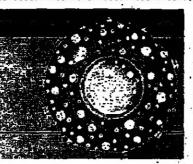
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'Nuclear dustbin' in crisis

Pollution levels may have to rise

RITISH Nuclear Fuels may in-crease radioactive contami-nation from the Thorp reprocessing plant in Cumbria as a result of plans to boost its flag-

Such a move would infuriate environmentalists, who fought a 20-year battle against the plant's construction, and seriously embarrass the Government, which finally gave it the

go-shead three years ago. The Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant, dubbed the world's nuclear dustbin, has so far managed to turn out only one tonne of plutonium from spent nuclear fuel in more than two years of operations. The £2.8 billion project, proposed in 1977 was only given approval by the Government

In May, operation had to be halted temporarily when the plutonium production line proved faulty. Before it opened, the company said each week of lost production would lose it £2 million. If Thorp were to be closed down, 5,000 jobs in the North-west would

tracts worth £9 billion. The commissioning process, which should have been completed six months ago, has been extended. BNFL is about to apply for new authorisations to emit radioactivity. Any rise in these, which would increase the plant's capacity, would be resisted strongly by

environmentalists. The plant was long ago la-belled a white elephant because its original purpose — to produce plutonium for the

Government's advisers had said Thorp was unnecessary and should be scrapped.

The cabinet only gave per-mission for the plant in 1993, after months of agonising over the cost in lost foreign con-tracts — clients had already paid several billion pounds. The Government then faced a judicial review of that decision, brought by Greenpeace and Lancashire county

Thorp was finally given the go-ahead by the High Court early in 1994. BNFL had said commissioning was expected to be completed within two years, when 500 tonnes of fuel would have been reprocessed. Yesterday BNFL sought to play down suggestions of prob

lems. A spokesman said: "Thorp will be a success not only for BNFL but for Britain. We are still on target to reprocess 7,000 tonnes of spent fuel in the first 10 years.

34 companies in nine countries have contracts to reprocess fuel in Thorp. □ BNFL is governmentowned and has paid £200 million to the Treasury in

the last five years. ☐ Thorp was rejected for privatisation, partly because of nuclear waste and security problems. ☐ It has 45 tonnes of plutonium in store and 35.000 tonnes of re-

for thousands of weapons. John Taylor, BNFL chief executive gets £225,000 pa plus bonus

The industry is hoping to bury much imported waste and low level nuclear waste

ther advance payments from overseas customers shortly after the first fuel entered the plant. The fuel, much of it from Japan and Germany, had already been stored at Sella-field for years, awaiting the

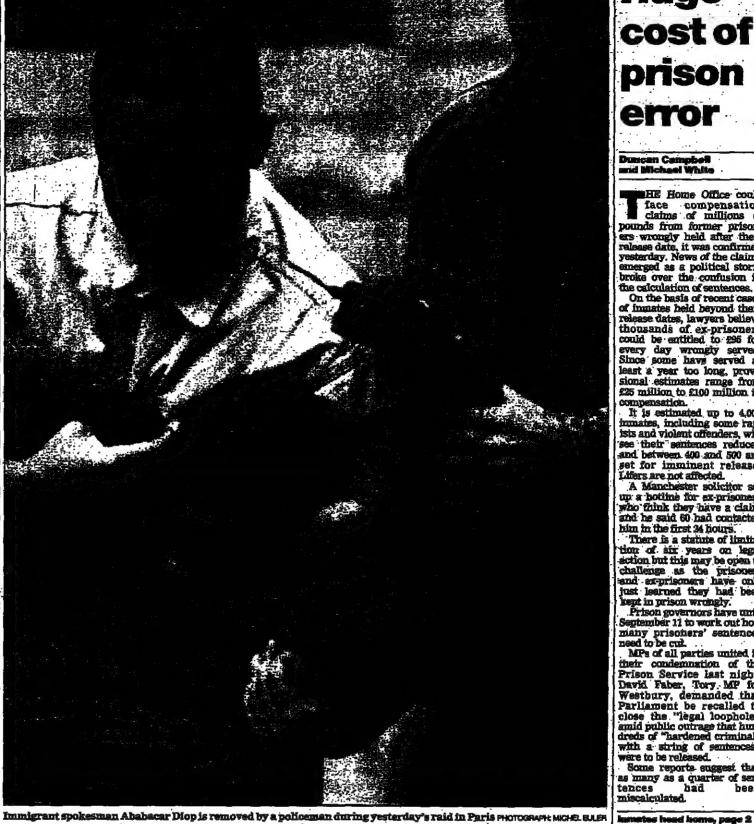
original targets for the first two years were met. A new, lower set of targets was pro-duced, which the company maintains it is achieving.

The Nuclear Installations In-spectorate, which oversees the plant and gives permission for it to go into full production, says it has yet to receive an application from BNFL for the plant to be commissioned.

According to its own original estimates, the plant should have been reprocessing 700 tomes of spent nuclear nuclear fuel a year, towards its total of 7,000 tomes in 10 years. But it may have only years. But it may have only managed fully to reprocess 100 tonnes in two years. Yesherday, the company said it hoped to reprocess 433 tonnes in its third year of operation. This means that the profit and pro-duction predictions made by the company to the Govern-ment and in sworn affidavits

The Environment Agency has discussed new authorisa-tions required for the plant with BNFL. It originally told the Guardian it expected.
BNFL would apply to increase
emissions. But after more
talks with BNFL late yesterday, the agency backtracked, saying until it received the application it would not know what it contained. Any increase would have to go to public consultation, and cam

paigners vowed to oppose it.
Martin Forwood, from Cumbrisms Opposed to Radioactive
Environment (Core), said: The company has become more and more secretive about what has been going on at Thorp. It seems clear that wrong and they are months, possibly years, behind sched-ule. . . . It is hard to see how



Huge cost of prison error

Duncan Campbell and Michael White

HE Home Office could face compensation claims of millions of pounds from former prisoners wrongly held after their release date, it was confirmed yesterday. News of the claims broke over the confusion in

the calculation of sentence On the basis of recent ca of innates held beyond their release dates, lawyers believe thousands of ex-prisoners could be entitled to £95 for every day wrongly served. Since some have served at least a year too long, provi-sional estimates range from £25 million to £100 million in

It is estimated up to 4,000 immates, including some rapists and violent offenders, will see their sentences reduced and between 400 and 500 are set for imminent release. Lifers are not affected.

A Manchester solicitor set up a bottime for ex-prisoners who think they have a claim and he said 60 had contacted him in the first 34 hours. There is a statute of limita-tion of six years on legal

ection but this may be open to hallenge as the prisoners just learned they had kept in prison wrongly.

Prison governors have until Segtember 11 to work out how fro ed of been

MPs of all parties united in their condemnation of the Prison Service last night. Westbury, demanded that Parliament be recalled to close the "legal loophole" amid public outrage that hun-dreds of "hardened criminals with a string of sentences" were to be released.

Some reports suggest that as many as a quarter of sen tences h

Where there's Mac there's brass

John Vidal

HEY looked pretty menacing: seven men and women from head office in dark blue suits and unsmiling faces. They looked as if they had come to protect Ronald McDonald, promotional clown for the world's most famous fast food outlet. Some thought they were

out of place at the kids' annual funday at Power Gardens Play Centre in Tot-tenham, north London among them Dave Morris whose son Charley, aged seven, attends the play centre. Mr Morris is well known to the \$38-billion-a-year McDonald Corporation: he is one of the "McLibel Two", embroiled in Britain's longest defamation suit. He has spent the last two years defending himself in the High Court against McDonald's allega-

The company, which spends \$1.8 billion a year publicising a logo more people recognise than the Cross, was on a promo-tional visit, and donating £500 to the centre. Nobody was saying the blue suits were there in case Mr Mor-ris made things difficult. They had come to make sure everybody was "hav-

ing fun". a McDonald's em-

ployee said.

The fun began when Ron-ald McDonald, with red hair, big boots and yellow-ish teeth, arrived in a white Cadillac with more mind-ers. "Hallo, hallo," he said to a child. "What a lovely badge you have." He swept on, not realising the badge said "Kids Against McDonald's".

The fun continued when Freddie, a large, bullnecked man, approached Freddie: "We want you to

Morris: "Why?"

Freddie: "You're an Morris: "What's it to do with you?"
Freddie: "Have you had Morris: "My son is a

member of this play scheme. Who are you?" Rounie started the first of two sets. In five minutes the children were giggling at his magic tricks, in 10 minutes they were screaming his name and by the end Ronnie was calking them "my little fries" and drop-ping the odd reference to

ping the odd reference to fast food.
"I think it's disgusting," one parent said. "They've hijacked our day. McDon-ald's has billed it every-where in the local press as Ronnie's Funday. They've used it for their own nurrosses."

Other parents are divided: "The play scheme needs the money," one said.
"It's harmless, isn't it?"

asylum seekers' sit-in tention centre after refusing to be admitted to hospital.

French riot police end

Alex Duval Smith in Paris MILITARY plane is expected to leave for West Africa this weekend on the orders of the French gov-ernment, carrying immigrants whose sit-in at a Paris church ended yesterday when 1,000 riot police moved in using axes and tear-gas.

The violent morning raid on some 300 Africans in St when a new law changed their status in 1994.

10 hunger strikers, was greeted with revulsion by opponents of the rightwing government and by the Roman Catholic Church. A demonstration in Paris last night draw gome 10 000 people

drew some 10,000 people.

But the interior minister,
Jean-Louis Debré, defended. police moves to end the 55-day occupation as a "firm inter-vention carried out with humanity and compassion' He said the majority of the asylum-seekers — whose applications have been turned

down — would be expelled immediately on military planes. Up to 90 were likely to be granted residence permits. The Africans — mainly from Mall, Mauritania, Sene-gal and Zaire — were last night held at a detention centre in eastern Paris. Eight of the hunger strikers were under police guard in hospital. Two were taken to the dearctest as a sympathiser

Opposition politicians, human rights activists and church leaders denounced the government's unwillingness to negotiate with the Africans — all residents of France

The Socialist leader, Lional lospin, said: "This intervention shows the obstinacy of the government and its clum-siness." The Archbishop of Paris. Cardinal Lustiger, said it had acted in a "politically irresponsible" manner.



Actress Emmanuelle Béart: Martin Woollacott, Outlook

the Oval Test match.

Father Henri Coindé, the priest of St Bernard's who spent the night in the church. said that as the police stormed in, he stood at the altar and read Martin Luther King's "I

have a dream" speech. The police operation turned violent after officers, who used axes to break down the seven entrances, led out some of the 68 children, separating hem from their parents. By 9am the surrounding streets of the Goutte d'Or district of northern Paris were filled with tear-gas and shout-

ing supporters, and the sound of the church bells, rung since the raid began at 7.30am.
Witnesses reported seeing
Africans led to police buses,
blood pouring from their
heads. Paramedics removed the bunger strikers on

As up to 10 buses fitted with bull-bars and riot grids left the square a spontaneous demonstration gathered, which by noon numbered some 2,000 people. Forty-six sympathisers were arrested, including the actress Emmanuelle Béart, star of Mission: Impossible

The raid came after the Council of State sanctioned the application of the new laws to the Africans.

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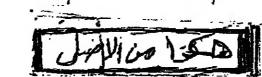
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rescue plan.

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Birt plea for rise in fee

OHN Birt, the BBC's director general, last night launched a public appeal for an inflation-busting increase in the television licence fee, saying the corpo-ration's survival was at stake. It is the first time in 10 years that the BBC has embarked on the high-risk strategy of arguing for a signifi-cant increase in the licence fee, and executives acknowledged it could alienate public

But Mr Birt, delivering the keynote James MacTaggart Memorial Lecture at the opening of the Edinburgh In-ternational Television Festinancial position was allowed to deteriorate, "the BBC's role as the national broadcaster would be diminished".

He urged an audience of 1,400 senior industry figures to back a rise in the £89.50 colour licence next April. For the past three years, the rise has been pegged to the retail price index, but the Govern-ment is currently reviewing

The BBC firmly ruled out a £100 fee, but said it was seeking "very low single figures over time, a modest rise", in-dicating a possible 25 or 26

Mr Birt, derided four years ago by the playwright, Dennis Potter, in his MacTaggart lec-ture as a "croak-voiced Dalek", said: "The BBC is the most successful cultural insti-tution in the world, one of the comment, page 14

great inventions of the 20th century. Don't diminish the BBC. Let it flower; let it blossom; let it flourish; let i pioneer; let it grow!"
But politicians yesterday

reacted sceptically. Robert Maclennan, the Liberal Dem-ocrat president, said: "The viewer and listener will only tolerate a licence fee which gives value for money."
Mr Birt's plea was coupled

with an attack on the industry for not adapting to the rapid pace of change in broadcasting and for too often ap-pearing to be a "bunch of precious luvvies". He said: "We turned a tele

scope to our blind eye. We stood aside as an industry, while a far-sighted Rupert Murdoch took huge risks with untried technology ... BSkyB now stands poised to be the dominant financial turn of the decade — and thereafter, possibly, the dominant cultural force as well."
Mr Birt, who titled his lec-

ture A Glorious Future, said the BBC's recent financial his-tory had been miraculous. The licence fee had not increased in real terms since 1985. For the past three years, the BBC has exceeded efficiency targets, ploughing £100 mil-lion back into programmes

each year. It plans further 15 per cent savings over the next But a flat income and the challenge of the digital age would produce formidable fi-



Inmates head for home, amazed but elated

Duncan Campbell

 VERYONE was jumping for joy," says
Kevin Ed-. wards, who was released from Haverigg prison in Cumbria early yesterday. "Everyone

was handing out their tobacco and their phone cards and ringing their relatives to tell them they were coming home

in the country to activate the

more are to follow.

The first we heard was last Friday," says Edwards, aged 32, originally from north Wales but planning to live in Manchester now that he has been released from his theft sentence of 21 months which was added on to a six year robbery sentence. "People were told: 'Pack your kit, you're going home'."

The reaction, he says, was "bewilderment and amaze-

Edwards, who is divorced and says he drifted into crime after being unable to find work, was one of a group of released prisoners who were driven at 8am yesterday to Kendal and given £12 to buy a coach fare to their home. Be

and his colleagues, who were trying to get to Liverpool, were ''running round

cause of the rail strike the

coaches were all full and he

Other prisoners, who were erving sentences for theft,

sentences. Thirty-three prisoners have now left early and
more are to follow.

Sentences, was released a burglary and robbery, had no been spotted by a funior clerk control by a funior clerk burglary and robbery, had no been spotted by a funior clerk control by a funior clerk homes to go to, he said, and would end up sleeping on the street. He hoped to find a bed at a friend's house in Man-chester where he had lived

for the last 10 years — "The ties are broken in Wales." Prisoners not serving consecutive sentences were resentful at the sudden release, he said. The governor had had to put up notices ex-plaining why prisoners were released early and make clear it was not an amnesty.

He said the word in Haver-igg was that the anomaly had

upstairs".

The prison officers were philosophical about the moves, he said. "The staff said: "There's plenty more waiting to come in'," said Edwards. "But if they want to clear the prisons out they should be letting out the petty should be letting out the petty offenders and neonle who are than \$25,000 if the action is strongly and neonle who are the nome than he should have done. At £95 a day for every extra day served, this would mean more than \$25,000 if the action is strongly and neonle who are the nome that he says is should have done. At £95 a day for every extra day served, this would mean more than \$25,000 if the action is strongly and the nome than he should have done. At £95 a day for every extra day served, this would mean more than \$25,000 if the action is strongly and the nome than he should have done. At £95 a day for every extra day served, this would mean more than \$25,000 if the action is strongly and the says is served. offenders and people who are very hard with a prison sec-in for not paying fines." tence hanging round your He said that some sex of neck," he said.

fenders were "out on the streets now, clapping their, hands and clicking their heels."

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European weather outlook

A ridge of high pressure will give most of Finland a warm and quite sunny day with light winds. Elsewhere it will be more unsettled with a mix of sunny spells and showers. Max temp 20-25C but nearer 14C in the far north.

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Lew Geumtries, Germany, Austria,

Switzerland:

Pressure will remain relatively low over the weekend bringing mostly showery weather. Some of the
showers will be heavy and thundery, especially
over the Alpa, but most places will also have some
warm aunshine. Max temp 28C in southern
Switzerland and Austria to 20C on the Dutch coast.

Pramoe:

Sunny spells and showers. Some of the showers will be heavy and ihundery in the north, and also over the Alps and Pyrenees. The best of the sun-shine will probably be over south-western regions. over the Airs and Pyrenese. The best of the sun-shine will probably be over south-western regions. Max temp renging from 18C on the north coast to 29C on the Mediterranean coast. Seals and Portugal: Northern and north-eastern Spain will be cloudy with just a little sunshine and scattered thundery showers, but Portugal and the rest of Spain will be mostly fine and dry with good spells of not sun-shine. Max temp 23 to 32C from north to south. Italy:

Really:

A dry and bright start in most areas with some morning sunshine, but cloud amounts will increase through the day with heavy thundary showers breaking out this afternoon, although they will be hit and miss with some regions escaping and staying time. May tamo 28-31C.

Any showers over northern Greece will die out during the day to leave most places not and sunny. Max temp 30-34C.

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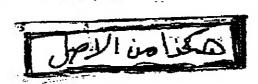
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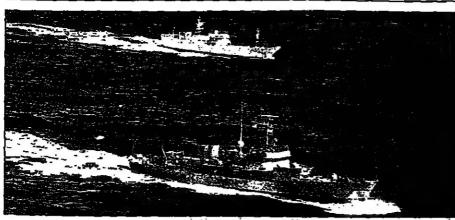
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An Irish naval vessel (foreground) shadows a Japanese trawler while Minatu Maru skipper Tsukasa Naga



A Japanese fisherman on the bridge of his trawler in Castletownbere as the fishing impasse remained unresolved

Rain and strikes Bourgeois police disrupt holiday

Kolth Harper Transport Editor

HOUSANDS of rail passengers face further hold-ups over the bank holiday weekend after the start yesterday was disrupted by rail strikes and heavy rain which caused long delays on the roads. A 24-hour strike yesterday

by guards, ticket examiners and catering staff will be repeated on Tuesday. Seven train operators still controlled by British Rail are involved in the stoppage, although attempts will be made today to resolve the dispute with ScotRail.

About 95 per cent of 500 trains run by the operators were cancelled, and replaced where possible by buses. The dispute is over meal breaks and restructuring of guards'

duties. A series of accidents in wet conditions caused jams on crowded roads as the rush to get away started after lunch. Motoring organisations reported major routes very busy, but added that the poor weather forecast could reduce numbers on the roads.

A 13-mile tailback was reported northbound on the Al yesterday after a lorry overturned near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. The road was closed for three hours with diversions in other

At Gatwick, scene of long delays and passenger dissent last weekend, most flights departed on time. The airport is expected to handle 370,000 engers during the next

few days.

A further 210,000 are due to pass through Manchester, while Birmingham and Stansted are each expected to deal

with 80,000 people.
The Consumers' Associa tion yesterday accused tour operators of causing "terrible delays" by operating flights too closely together. It warned that travel firms' "vastly over-optimistic" pro-gramme took no account of

numerous air traffic control

delays in Europe. Bob Tolliday, a project manager for the association, said: "Airlines must not make empty promises about flight times. Air traffic delays in Europe are becoming an increasing problem, yet there is an amazing amount of tight scheduling by airlines. Tour operators and charter airlines should get more realistic. should get more realistic about how long flights take." Keith Betton, of the Associa-tion of British Travel Agents, described the comments as alarmist. He said the average delay for charter flights at Gatwick was 37 minutes last

year, compared with 62 min-utes in 1989. Delays over the

same period had dropped from

55 to 33 minutes at Manche ter and from 60 minutes to 32 minutes at Stansted.

David Pallister HE traditional image of the hard-drinking detective slipping into a shady pub with a bunch of fivers in his Hugo Boss suit

to cough up more

for tip-offs, writes

for a petty criminal infor-mant is apparently a thing of the past. Detectives these days, according to Defective Super-intendent Bob Taylor, the new head of the North-East Regional Crime Squad, are too middle class and edu-cated for that sort of slum-

ming. They prefer to go home to their families in the suburbs rather than mingle with the lower orders at the bar of the Jack the Lad.

And cops and robbers don't have the same sort of time to develop that special relationship because suspects, heaven forfend,

bring their solicitors to Supt Taylor plans to change all that. He is going to double the amount of money set aside to reward informants, or "community sources". His 250 detectives

The cops are having | The strategy is based on his experience in West Yorkshire, where rapid payments to informants increased their numbers by

losing grass roots

25 per cent.
"Good quality infor-"Good quality infor-mants are a dying breed, and they can be the most cost-effective way of solv-ing major crimes such as robberies, drug offences and burglaries," he said. "It can take a team of detec-tives nine months to investives nine months to inves-tigate a crime and bring a result. A good tip-off in the first week can solve that crime and free the detectives to get on with another

Despite concerns about the way informants have been used in the past — such as giving them licence to commit serious crimes -Supt Taylor said there would be strict safeguards against abuses.

"I believe it works, and am putting a terrific effort into this at the moment. We need to get away from this idea that we are hiding in

idea that we are hiding in dark corners with dirty, disgusting, alimy people." Supt Taylor said.
"Years ago we would wander round the pubs in the town. That doesn't happen now. Even when they wander round the town they don't go to the pubs where the villains go. There is more hostility will be trained to spot and recruit small-time the villains go.

There is more hostility towards police."

Five killed in tuna war trawler blast

Irish impound two Japanese ships for illegal fishing as huge fleet faces tense stand-off

Owen Bowcett

TVE Japanese fishermen were killed yesterday in an explosion on board a deep-sea trawler more than 200 miles off the

The blast, believed to have been triggered by freon gas leaking from a refrigerator into the engine rooms of the Taisei Maru, came as two other Japanese ships were being impounded in the County Cork port of Castle-townbere for illegally fishing tuna in the eastern Atlantic. Irish navy patrol vessels, monitoring the presence of a 40-strong fleet of Japanese ships on the edge of the European fishing limit 200 miles of the transfer, were unaware of the

accident until late yesterday. An appeal for help to evacu ate the dead, and one man who was injured, eventually reached Ireland's defence forces through an agent of the ship's company in Cork, five hours after the explosion. The damaged vessel was last night attempting to limp into Gal-

way or Castletownbere. The sudden appearance of the Japanese fleet — at least twice the size of the Irish republic's entire navy --highlights the pressure on dwindling fisheries stocks worldwide and the heady prices paid for rare species. Pursuing bluefin tuna as they migrate across the eastern Atlantic, the Japanese flotilla had been engaged in a tense stand-off with the Irish navy. The fleet was intent on recovering its floating long-lines inside the 200-mile limit, while the patrol vessels were waiting to arrest them if they did.

Fish wars Two Japanese trawlers, the 70 metra-long Minatu Maru and the Shoshin Maru were escorted from this sees vessels hovering just outside the 200 mile port, the Nunet Mary had 8.5 tonnes of tune had set about 50 miles of cons (coded signals allow trawiers to liflerentiate fishing gear) the hooks or snoods angle near the surface where tune feed.

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In Castletownbere, the 220ft Minatu Maru spent all day tied up by the quay while its skipper was driven to court in nearby Bandon to face a fine of up to £200,000.

The Japanese crew, who came asbore at the harbour and holiday resort, were reported to be feeling embar-rassed. Mike Barnett, of Ireland's South and West Fish eries Association, who boarded the vessel, said: "They were just following the fish. Maybe they were aware of where they were. Maybe not. But everyone is being very friendly towards them. We sell a lot of herring roe to the Japanese every year and the Japanese every year and we hope this won't jeopardise

"Their ships aren't taking fish from Irish boats, because we don't go after the bluefin. as much as half a ton, com-if anything, we are grateful mand prices of up to £20,000 aground as it s for having shown there is a each. Served raw in Tokyo the main fleet.

cacy, slices can cost £20 a mouthful. "It's a delicious cross between smoked salmon and sardines," Mr Barnett trade distasteful. "It's indica-tive of the problems of de-

pleted fish stocks if the Japanese have to turn up in the eastern Atlantic looking for tuna." Desley Mather, Green-peace's ocean's campaigner in Dublin, said yesterday. "The Taiwanese. Koreans and Japanese have all been sailing further afield in recent years. We are starting to take more fish out of the

oceans than can be sustained." Japanese vessels have been forced to abandon the use of lengthy drift nets, dubbed "walis of death", following campaigns to save dolphins, But the longlines, costing up to 520,000 each and tethered

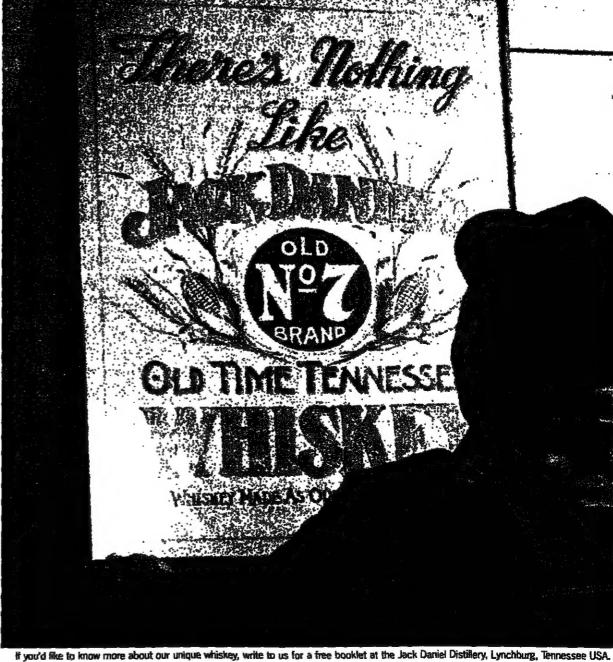
between floating buoys fitted with radio beacons, have drawn criticism.

If left in the water more than 24 hours, they can sink, pulled under by the accumu-lating weight of dead fish. The baited hooks also snare seabirds. A sharp decline in the population of albatrosses in the Pacific is being linked to

the growing deployment of longlines. Irish fishermen only recently began catching tuna — for which there is no European Union quota. Disputes over the use of drift nets two years ago culminated in vio-lent clashes at sea between British, French, Irish and Spanish trawlermen.

lines which carry hooks baited with squid and stretch Naval frigates were des for up to 70 miles, they can freeze catches worth hun-dreds of thousands of pounds. patched to patrol the seas after rival crews used shot-guns and rifles on each other. The Minatu Maru had eight Rows within the EU over permissible types of landing gear have curtailed the industry. Once their holds are full, Only six Irish vessels special-ise in fishing for the smaller the multi-million-pound vessels offload their cargo on to factory ships bound for Japan, and carry on fishing. The Japanese fleet in the the bluefin.

Meanwhile, a fourth Japanese fishing vessel, which had docked in Galway on the Atlantic is not due back until Bluefin tuna, which weigh west coast of Ireland to change crews, yesterday ran aground as it set off to rejoin



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It may only have happened once, but they picked up an infection more virulent than HIV. Decades later, these cleaned-up, respectable citizens are suffering from Hepatitis C, a slowly progressing liver disease for which there is little treatment and no cure. Sarah Boseley

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JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

News in brief

Post workers delay prolonged strike

THE Communication Workers Union yesterday decided THE Communication workers union yesterday decided against extending the next postal strike to four days as freshtalks with the Royal Mail began at the conciliation service, Acas. The union's leaders had threatened to prolong the next walkout unless talks resumed. The executive said yesterday it walkout unless talks resulted. The executive said yesternay it would not call a stoppage for next Saturday and Sunday, but those scheduled for Friday August 30 and Monday September 2 are still on. The executive will meet again on Wednesday to review any progress from the Acas talks, — Stuart Millor

Campaigners attack comic

ROAD safety compaigners criticised comedian Adrian Edmondson yesterday after he mocked drink-drive laws. The star of the Young Ones and Bottom, who has two convictions for drinkdriving, dismissed the "nannying" laws and said it was not wrong to drink and drive. His comments came as campaigners released figures showing more alcohol-related deaths on the roads. Edmondson said in a newspaper interview: "Most people drink too much. I was just unlucky getting caught. It's not wrong to drink and drive. There is far too much nannying going on these days Society is so boring today no one wants to take any risks." Following his second drink-driving offence, in 1987, Edmondson, who is married to Absolutely Fabulous star, Jennifer Saunders, was given a three-year driving ban.
Figures released by Alcohol Concern show the number of

deaths and accidents caused by drink-driving rose from 9,900 in 1994 to 10,230 in 1995. Harry Cape, of the Campaign Against Drinking and Driving, whose daughter was killed by an over-the-limit driver, said Mr Edmondson's comments were "silly

Mark Bennett of Alcohol Concern added they were "an insult to the 10 people who are killed each week by drink-drivers".

Arms firm seeks redress

AN ARMS dealing company, whose conviction for selling ma-chine-guns to Iraq was quashed on appeal after it emerged that senior Foreign Office and Customs officials had improperly interfered in the case, has been given leave to challenge a refusal by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to award it compensation.

Atlantic Commercial and its owner, Reginald Dunk, were convicted and fined in 1983 for selling the weapons to Iraq via Jordan. Evidence which emerged in the Scott arms-to-Iraq inquiry led in 1994 to the quashing of the conviction. Mr Dunk was told he could apply personally for compensation for mis-carriage of justice, but his company could not. His lawyer, Lawrence Kormonick, described the High Court

move as a landmark decision. "It will clarify the law about whether limited companies are eligible for compensation," he added. In the past, compensation has been restricted to individuals. Scotland Yard is still investigating the conduct of the Foreign Office and Customs officials who approached potential defence witnesses in the case. in what Lord Taylor, the former Lord Chief Justice, described as an abuse of "the justice pro-cess". — Richard Norton-Taylor

BNP chief's 'shop error'

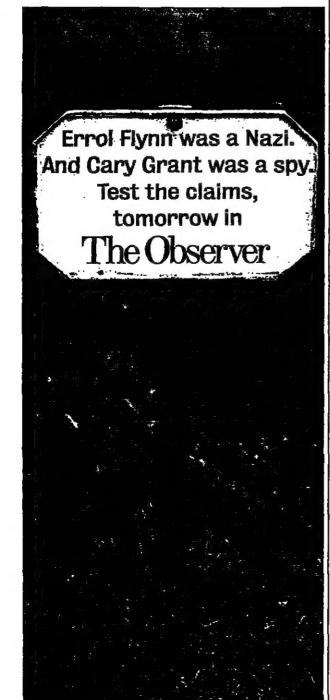
THE British National Party's national organiser was yesterday fined 2700 and ordered to pay £200 costs for flouting an enforcement notice on his home. Richard Edmonds, aged 53, of Welling Kent, admitted failing to comply with the Department of the Environment directive demanding the premises be returned to glazed shop front". His solicitor, Patrick O'Callaghan, told magis trates at Bexley. Kent, metal cladding was removed from the building, as required, but another "structure" was left in error. Outside court Anti-Nazi League members claimed the premises were the BNP's headquarters.

Dead yachtsman named

THE Israeli yachtsman who died after falling overboard from a yacht in stormy seas off Cornwall was named yesterday by his embassy as Clive Shelter, aged 45, from Tel Aviv. Mr Shelter's 13year-old son, Ofir, whose mayday call from the yacht Tirooneer sparked an air-sea rescue operation yesterday, will return to his mother in Israel. Ofir raised the alarm after awaking to find himself alone on the 25ft craft six miles south of Loos while on a voyage between Falmouth and Plymouth in deteriorating weather. Mr Shelter was plucked from the sea by helicopter, but was pronounced dead in a Plymouth hospital.

Schools hit by £3 million bill

VANDALS have caused more than £3 million worth of damage to Northern Ireland schools during the summer holidays, it was revealed last night. The Department of Education disclosed the scale of the destruction hours after a Catholic secondary school, in north Belfast, was set on fire. It was the 20th to be attacked since



Corporal falls to his death as military police find bodies of wife and female friend

Soldier found dead after dual killing

her female friend at his former marital home at Aldershot, Hampshire, in the early hours of yesterday.

Just over an hour after the killings, the 27-year-old sol-dier's body was found by a apparently jumped off the top a multi-storey car park in Aldershot. According to witnesses, the

oldier, a lance corporal in the Second Parachute Regiment, had spent most of Thursday drinking in the Peg pub in Aldershot, becoming increasingly agitated and complaining that his wife had left him for another woman. According to reports, the soldier separated from his wife five weeks ago and returned to live in barracks while his wife began living with her fe-male friend.

"He seemed embarrassed that. He was pretty drunk and was getting worked up all night long," said a regular drinker in the

The police said last night they were first called to the soldier's former marital home on the South Atlantic estate in Aldershot at about 2.50am

SOLDIER is believed yesterday after receiving the estate, which is made up to have stabled to reports from a neighbour of a exclusively of army families, there had been another do-

Andrew Longman, of Hamp-shire police, said: "There was a domestic dispute that went on for several minutes. There was lots of yelling and shoutdier's body was found by a ing according to neighbours. lorry driver after he Police officers then visited the house, which was in complete darkness and secure. They knocked at the door, shone torches through the window but there was no

> they left."
> Mr Longman added that almost an hour later the same officers were called to the centre of Aldershot, where the soldier's body was discovered. After a search for identification the military police were alerted and asked to search his former home on the South Atlantic estate. Mr Longman said: "Tw

signs of any disturbance, so

military policemen forced their way into the house and found the bodies of the two women. One was on the firstfloor landing while the other was found in the bedroom. wounds." He said a kitchen knife was found, believed to be the murder we

on Sunday and the soldier had tried to commit suicide once before.

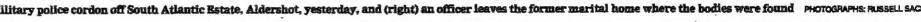
A police spokesman said he had been receiving counsel-ling from the army's welfare department after the break-up of his marriage.

A neighbour, who gave her name only as Sandra, said: "I didn't know the wife very well but there were all kinds of runours about her having an affair and being unfaithful while he was away on duty. I know they had not been get-ting on for some time but no one expected this to happen."
She added: "It has come as a complete shock because

things are normally very quiet round here." The police yesterday con-firmed that the wife's friend was a single woman from the Aldershot district and had South Atlantic Estate just over a month ago.

They would not confirm reports that the wife had been served with notice to quit the house after the separation from her husband. The estate is reserved for married





■HE European Commis sion last night was in-vestigating allegations in the Guardian that the Ministry of Agriculture evaded a 1990 instruction from Brus-sels for cattle exported to Europe from 1990 to be fully monitored to prevent the spread of BSE.

Almost 2 million cattle were sold to EU states be-tween 1990 and August last

year without checks to see if they had been born to cows infected with the disease. A senior Commission spokesman yesterday said EU last year that the ministry was carrying out computer checks in line with rules agreed in 1990 — but, ministry officials have now admitted, it was in 1990 that they changed the guidelines. The Commission spokes-

man said: "We are checking reports of previous inspection measures, and if we do come up with a problem we shall demand an explanation from the British government." A document in the posses-sion of the Guardian, detail-

ing the instructions given to inspectors, indicates that they were not to carry out man government advised concomputer checks on all veal calves sent for export but need check only a random 10 an infection similar to BSE.

per cent to see whether their mothers carried BSE. Ninety seven per cent of live cattle exports during the period were veal calves.

EU rules required that there should be checks on all cattle being exported, but they were made only on ma-ture cows and groups of fewer than 20 calves. The circular issued to officials suggested that for batches of more than check need be made.

The implications in Europe of the latest revelation are likely to be serious. The Ger-

Inquiry on BSE checks | Missing children 'are alive'

HE parents of missing children Jodi and Tom Loughlin yesterday said they were convinced the youngsters had not drowned and were still alive.

Kevin Loughlin and Lynette Thornton, both aged 37 and from Norwood, south London, remained composed throughout a 30-minute press

Jodi, aged six, and Tom four, disappeared shortly after the family had arrived at Holme beach, near Hunstanton, Norfolk, at around 5pm on Sunday. The children were last seen running towards the sea in their swimsuits. Neither could

rounding area for three days | and see them well." without finding a trace of the youngsters. They also say they have no evidence to suggest the children were abducted from the beach.

But Mr Loughlin, a computer consultant, and Ms Thornton, a physiotherapist, the children had drowned be-cause the water on Holms beach was too shallow.

We just have to keep looking and keep hoping, hoping that something turns up, hoping that somebody sees some-thing that finds them," Mr Loughlin said. "Both Lynette

Police combed the sur- | them again, see them alive

Speaking at a press conference at Hunstanton police station, he added: "What is keeping us going, both Lyn and I, is that we are as convinced as we can be that they have not drowned. The water is so shallow that we don't think it is feasible and they are used to water. There is still a chance they are alive."

ily had settled some way from the shoreline on the crowded beach and changed into swimming costumes. The children then ran to the water. "They were gone for an absolute and I are positive about the maximum of five minutes fact that we are going to see before we followed, be said.

Hardline Muslims to target universities

Lucy Manning

N ISLAMIC group which has invited in-ternational terorists to address its conference in London next month is to target British universities in order to boost its

in order to boost its membership.

The group's aims include establishing an Islamic state in Britain and supporting Hamas and Hizbullah.

Al-Muhajirotun—the Immigrants—is led by Omar Bakri Mohammad, the former leader of Hizb ut-Tahrir, a group previously banned by the National Union of Students from university dents from university

campuses.
Mr Mohammad revealed in an interview with the Guard-ian this week how Al-Muhajiroun aims to avoid any ban on their activities by using a number of different names including the Peace Society, the ideological Society and the

Human Society.
"They will not be able to ban peace and human societ-ies. If they do, it will only backfire."

He is also planning to link up with a number of established university societies:
"We will use other people,"
he said naming the Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Nigerian

Al-Muhajiroun is trying to avoid campus bans by ensur-ing the societies are estab-lished by the universities'

The National Union of Students banned Mr Moham mad's previous group, Hizb-ut Tahrir after the NUS claimed they created a feeling of in-timidation and harassment

on campuses.
Their literature called for Muslims to oppose "the trea-chorous peace with the Jews" and "destroy their existence by the lawful Jihad until they are wiped out."
It also condemned homo

sexuals and Hindus. Mr Mohammad promised his new organisation would surpass the actions of Hizb-ut Tahrir. "Soon people will be praising Hizb-ut Tahrir and

'l am working to see the Islamic flag flying over Downing Street'

condmening Al-Muhajiroun
... I am working to see the
Islamic flag over Downing

The Al-Muhajiroun confer ence to be held next month is to receive video and written messages from Shelkh Omar Abdul-Rahman, convicted of the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Centre which killed six of Israel, said: T would regret people, and Sheikh Moham any such rally taking place people, and Sheikh Moham any such rally taking place mad Padhiullah. a leader of and I am quite sure that there

action against societies established under other

A spokeswoman said: Whatever the name of the group, if they carry out the same policies as Hizb-ut Tab-rir they will also be banned. She said the NUS would also work with existing Muslim student groups which did not wish to "have their culture hijacked by people with radi-cal views."

The organisation is to tar-get Oxford, Cambridge and Durham universities and a number of London campuse where it already has a pres ence, including the School of Oriental and African Studies. University College and the London School of Economics. Tory and Labour MPs last night voiced protests over the rally.

David Wilshire, Tory MF for Spelthorne, said he would ask the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, to investiis entitled to be in Britain.

"If he does have the right to be here, I will ask whether what he is doing is a criminal offence in which case he should be charged. If it involves incitement to violence, the police should act.

Norman Hogg, MP for Cum-bernauld and Kilsyth, and chairman of Labour Friends the Iranian backed Hizbullah.

The National Union of Stu-Home Secretary."

Asylum seekers may have to live in tents

Community Affairs Editor

stripped of benefits and housing rights may soon live in tented villages while the Home Office consid-

ers their applications to stay

in this country, say refugee

reanisations Advice centres yesterday reported growing numbers of destitute families appealing for belo

The Refugee Council, which is to open a special night shelter in central London next month, said some people were already sleeping rough and 90 people a day were using another centre in the capital to collect food parcels and basics

first introduced in February. Shelter yesterday lost a High and 2,000 housed temporarily Court attempt to stop councils by councils may lose shelter applying the changes retrounder rule changes. Agencies do not know how many asylum seekers with families might still be helped with accommodation under the Children Act

Councils are beginning to evict single asylum seekers but confusion and apparent lack of co-ordination between the Home Office and the departments of social security, health and environment has led to a surge in people seek-

ing help.
The curbs affect asylum seekers who fail to apply for refugee status on arrival in this country and those who are appealing against a rejection of their application. such as nappies.

Rights to housing were with

to rema
About 21

affected by the benefit cuts, gee Council and the charity refused.

applying the changes retro-spectively, although the judge said people must be given two weeks warning to find alterna-tive accommodation.

Asylum seekers also face eviction from bed and breakfast hotels because councils will no longer pay their bills. Nick Hardwick, director of the Refugee Council, said: "Some people are still able to stay with friends or within their communities but increasingly we think people are go-

ing on to the streets.
The Home Office said nearly 44,000 people sought refucce status last year, while 1,300 people were recognised as refugees and another 4,400 people were given exceptional leave to remain in this country. About 21,300 applications were

Few converts for mentor

Madeleine Bunting

HE Australian vicar who is mentor of Labour leader Tony Blair issued a rallying cry to join a dawn-ing international revolution to sceptical young Christians

yesterday.
The Rev Peter Thompson chose a radical Christian arts festival in Northamptonshire, where Christianity meets New Age, for his first public at a north London parish close to the home of his friend and spiritual protege Mr Blair.

There is an energy and power within the younger generation which is only too eager to build up communities and commit themselves to each other and to take up their cross to serve Christ." But the warm-hearted Aus-

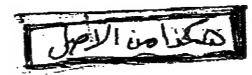
tralian, recently arrived in England from the Outback for his year-long sojourn in London, found his audience of 200 Christians unconvinced by his

optimistic message.

The man credited with having been a formative influence

on Mr Blair's becoming a Christian when they were students at Oxford was surprisingly nervous when faced with a series of critical questions.
"One of the reasons why I support New Labour is that it has a vision, a vision which is absolutely rooted in the Gospel,"

said Mr Thompson. Mr Thompson urged people not to get caught up in the ide



Former boyfriend gets five years' jail for attack shortly before 'ordeal' trial . Woman tells what made her decide to waive anonymity

Rape victim's home was firebombed

'Never did I think he would question me'

ULIA Mason, the rape victim who was cross examined at the Old Bailey by her shortly before the trial was due to start, it was revealed

yesterday. She and her boyfriend, Billy Power, were in their then home in Catford, south Loudon, when a petrol bomb was thrown through the win-dow by Paul Cunningham

five months ago. Cunningham, aged 20, a for-mer boytriend, claimed Mrs Mason was spreading rumours about him, and not bringing up her children

to a secret address, was not in court to hear Cunningham, of Bellingham, south-east London, sentenced to five years in a young offender's institu-tion. Mrs Mason, who has waived her right to anonymity in the hope that no other woman has to face their attacker in court, intends to start a campaign to have the

After a lengthy trial, 42-year-old Ralston Edwards was earlier this week found guilty

of twice raping Mrs Mason. Edwards, of Catford, south-east London, approached Mrs Mason at a bus stop last De-cember. When she got off the bus, he then pushed her into an alley way and began kins-ing her aggressively. Believe-ing she had a better chance of escaping unharmed if she pacified Edwards, Mrs Mason

which was filthy and without electricity, he subjected her to has since described being walked into the witness box cross-examined by Edwards and saw him ready to question me the way its day of the trial that the police informed me that Edwards had sacked his barris-



Julia Mason: "The filth and degradation of my ordeal was replayed in violent and vivid detail. He was reliving the rape

ter. I did not know what that meant. Surely he'd employ another at the last minute? Never once did it cross my mind that be would be the one cross examining me as I stood in the witness box. Had I known two weeks before, I affected me. I'd like to think II'd have mustered the strength to continue with it, but I just don't know. When I

wards to stick to relevant in-

ordeal was replayed in vio- your rapist ask you whether lent and vivid detail. He was you had your knickers on or reliving the rape and savouring every minute.
"As he continued to ask

about my private life, I became distressed. The judge interupted Edwards and said: Exactly why is this relevant? Where are you going with said to her, 'He's trying to intimidate me, and she replied,

off during the attack. I couldn't help breaking questioning a complainant.
Mr Gilchrist added: "Ti

judge should act as the um-pire and see that all parties happened to me was unbelieved pire and see that all pable." This led Mrs Mason to are conducting their Laywers, police officers, have joined her call for a

could not be put to appeal.
"But why should people who chose to defend themsleves be allowed anymore vocate? If he chose to repre-sent himself then he must be subject to the same constraints as would be imposed

Woman's right not to be terrorised should be given precedence

Shella McLean

LEGAL system needs to achieve balance be-Atween competing rights and interests, but it must also be sensitive to situations where the apparent equiva-lence of rights in fact disguises profound

in competition might be said to be the right of the accused to defend himself and the right of the woman to be able to present her case without intimidation. An accused has a right to defend himself, and in some cases people may have no option but to do so. What is necessary, however, is an assessment of when that right has the potential to infringe other rights and interests of equal, or even greater,

seek justice, based on strin-gent standards of proof and with the best possible evi-dence adduced. The forensic arena is no place for permissi-ble intimidation which may affect the quality of evidence or subject the accuser to a form of institutional abuse.

A parallel situation, which

would surely be greeted with horror, would be permitting parents who have allegedly sbused their children to cross-examine them in court. Yet the rape victim is in a similar situation. Even with a more enlightened approach from the law, the rape victim is still peculiarly valuerable, and every bit as much in need of the highest standards of procedural sensitivity and

legal sympathy as is the child. Nor is this special pleading. As a society, we accept that certain crimes are especially tormenting for their victims and we do not baulk at creating special rules in these cases, even if they differentiate the procedures applied

are no less fair because they take account of differences so long as they do not discriminate. What was at stake in this case is of considerably more importance than the in-terest of the defendant in

prosecuting his own case.
There are broadly two approaches from which it is possible to argue that an exception to the right to defend one's own case in such situations can be made. The first is, of course, the extent to which allowing self-represen-tation further harms the viccerns of this government to offer protection to victims, to recognise their trauma, must equally apply to rape cases. Secondly, no individual's in-terest in defending himself can be allowed to trump the overall aim of seeking justice.

In rape cases, as in child abuse cases, the risk of in-timidation, even terrorisation, with its possible subversion of evidence, is both a clear and a compelling argument for weighting the scales in favour of the victim. In addition, when an individual opts to defend himself, judges traditionally permit considerably more leeway in the ques-tioning, since the person is not legally trained. Just how much leeway is a matter of judicial discretion but it may. as it apparently did in this case, result in the victim being subjected to examination which is irrelevant and unreasonably lengthy and which covertly allows the introduction of questions which would otherwise probably be

inadmissible. That a conviction resulted is a tribute both to the strength of the victim's case and her own personal courage and tenacity. Nonetheless, we have no right to demand the same of other victims

Law, and Ethics in Medicine at

Judge 'well regarded and sensitive'

Colleagues say woman's six-day the jury: "I must say it is not the Law Society's criminal the easiest task to defend yourself in the Old Bailey, but this is what he (Edwards) has British Acadamy of Forensic

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Hannah Pool

UDGE Ann Goddard QC was chosen to preside over the trial of the multiple rapist Ralston Ed-wards because of her experience and sensitivity, it was disclosed yesterday.

Judge Goddard, aged 80, note, Judge Goddard said to

woodland, For walkers.

loin us.

"Do not even start to hold it against him."

Tion of victims and chaired by Judge Goddard. has been a circuit judge since 1993 and has a reputation as a tough criminal lawyer. But

On the fourth day of the trial she told the defendant she is facing criticism for allowing Edwards to cross-ex-"Can you please come to the amine his victim for six days. During the trial the jury sent several notes asking Ed-

Stephen Holt, the prosecut-ing barrister in the case, jumped to the defence of Judge Goddard: "If she had prevented (Edwards) from cross-examining his witness properly, the court of appeal would be bound to quash the

conviction. "I do not think Judge God-dard could have done any more. Don't blame the play-ers, change the rules.

Judge Goddard had to stick by those rules. Not only did she have to ensure there are no grounds for appeal, but if she continually interrupts a efendant it can allenate the bry and make them sympa

thise with him.
"That was the risk, and it nearly happened. We knew early on that they (the jury) had acquitted on two counts. We only won the others on a 10 to two majority."

While supporting calls for a review of the law, Mr Holt is aware of the problems:

aware of the problems:
"Changing the law would get
us into great difficulties with
the European Court in Strasbourg, because it is a funda-mental human right to be able to defend oneself." Robert Roscoe, chairman of

Science on the cross-examina

give up her anonymity.

change in the laws to protect

Professor Sue Lees, of the University of North London, who has written extensively on rape trials, said many vic tims see the trial as a

civil rights pro

victims.

Judge Goddard.
"She is very well regarded as both a judge and a sensitive person who is aware of points of evidence that the jury may consider to be most relevant."

the problems in cases of this sort," he said.

"She had to protect the in-

terests of the witness, but by

the same token had to ensure

was a fair trial." Mr Roscoe strongly dis-agreed with calls for a change in the legal system.
"I do not think the general

if the judge continually interrupts, it can alienate members

of the jury

rule about a person defending themselves should be changed on the basis of one

"It is a very unfortunate incident, but it is just one case which is unlikely to be repeated.
"There are very few people

who go to the criminal court and defend themsleves against serious allegations.
"The fact that this man was found guilty should put others off from putting their victims through such an

"Yeah, two million copies and it's been translated into 22 different languages," says David, as Taylor puts down his spoon and lifts the Rice Krispie

bowl straight to his mouth.

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Joanna Coles



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Khmer Rouge tested

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Phnom Penh

AMBODIA'S joint prime ministers are recommending their king to grant amnesty to one of Pol Pot's most notorious henchmen, leng Sary, who was closely implicated in the mass killing of the Khmer

mass killing of the Khmer
Rouge regime.
Their decision has
prompted a debate on how far
Phnom Penh should go to exploit the defection of Pol Pot's pion the defection of For Fors senior commanders. The hope is that they may spell the end of the Khmer Rouge as a seri-ous military threat to the gov-

an agent of localised terror.

Prince Norodom Ranariddh tried to encourage divisions among the rebels when he announced this week that he would also recommend revoking legislation outlawing the Khmer Rouge.

His fellow prime minister, Hun Sen, said yesterday that he and Prince Ranariddh would advise King Norodom Sihanouk to grant Mr Sary an amnesty "in the spirit of guar-anteeing safety and security".

Mr Sary, aged 67, was the only Khmer Rouge leader apart from Pol Pot to be sentenced, in absentia, to death at a 1979 show trial staged by which replaced them. For nearly half a century he was Pol Pot's most intimate asso-ciate — until this month, when he was denounced by Khmer

Rouge radio.

King Sibanouk said this week that he would only grant Mr Sary amnesty if urged to do so by both prime ministers, supported by a two-thirds majority of the national assembly. "Only the people have the right to tell me whether or not it is neces-sary to amnesty this or that criminal responsible for the national genocide."

He said he still favoured

bringing Khmer Rouge lead-Mr Sen's support for an am-

nesty was in response to de-mands from renegade Khmer Rouge commanders for a clear statement of the government's position on Mr Sary, whom they have named their leader. Phnom Penh's military ne-

gotiators appear to be close to conceding a considerable degree of local autonomy to leaders of the break-away faction, but their task is complicated by tension between the



A family in Hanoi washes clothes in flood water rising around their house yesterday. Tropical storms, which have

Attempt to bypass recalcitrant India and Iran

Canberra steps in to salvage test ban

lan Black

USTRALIA said yesterday that it would lead a campaign to revive the compre-hensive test ban treaty negoti-ations which failed at the Geneva Conference on Disarmament last week because of Indian opposition.

Moving swiftly to salvage hopes of a permanent end to nuclear tests, Canberra said it would push for worldwide agreement, isolating the recalcitrants. It hoped for a formal signing at the United Nations next month.

Decades of expectation and 30 months of bargaining at the 61-member Geneva con-ference ended on Thursday without a consensus: India and Iran opposed the draft

The Comprehensive test ban treaty (CTBT) is intended to outlaws all nuclear explosions, and includes procedures for monitoring and verifying compliance. The UN General Assembly can pass it by majority vote, but it remains problematical

will ratify it and how on-site inspections can be enforced.

The declared nuclear pow ers — the United States, Russia, France, Britian and China - have been accused of

holding it hostage to India's agreement. Signature of the treaty by the five nuclear weapons states will mean the end of one element of the nuclear arms vanced new weapons," said Stephen Young of the British

American Security Informa-tion Council "Without testing this will be impossible."
Australia is playing its familiar role as a bridge between the non-nuclear and nuclear powers, its reputation enhanced by its opposition to the last controversial stage of France's testing programme

in the Pacific.
"I am deeply committed to
an end to testing and I am
convinced that this historic opportunity to secure a CTBT should not be lost," its foreign minister, Alexander Downer,

said yesterday.
Time is short if the treaty is to get through the UN, because the nuclear powers want to avoid reopening the text to amendment by a UN committee on disarmament matters which meets in

There are barely three seeks to act before the 50th General Assembly closes on

General Assembly closes on September 16. It had been hoped that a CTBT would be the crowning achievement of the anniversary year.

Analysts say that up to 170 of the UN's 185 members will sign the treaty, although non-aligned countries may demand further gestures towards disarmament by the towards disarmament by the

nuclear powers.
India said it opposed the treaty because it did not commit the nuclear powers to disarmament within a specified

It also allowed them to refine their arsenals by lab-oratory tests, while the nuclear "have-nots" would be permanently barred from ob-

taining weapon But support for India, which like Pakistan and Is-rael is a "threshold" state, ebbed as it became clear that its stance was motivated less by principle and more by a desire to keep its options open. Iran's opposition was

Clinton keeps Taiwan armed with ambiguity

Andrew Higgins in Talpel

the coast of Taiwan in March, a quiet ceremony on an airstrip in Fort Worth, Texas, last month ushered in the next stage of China's dor-mant but still dangerous civil

The commander of Taiwan's air force took delivery of the first batch of 150 F-16 warplanes, the first fruit of a £4 billion investment in an escalating arms race with

Recently both sides have calmed their venomous rhetoric and even begun talking albelt at rather than with each other, about trade.

Failure to reach agreement on Taiwan's links with Hong Kong after its return to China

Taiwan continues to seek greater international recognition and steadfastly opposes any Hong Kong-style merger with China

But the new F-16s highlight the island's dependence on fickle American interests. It asked for the planes 16 years ago, but was turned down until President Bush agreed to the sale in 1993, in a desperate effort to win Texan votes.

A media ban at the delivery

ceremony reflects Washington's unease about the deal. So too does a decision to keep the aircraft in the US until at least next summer instead of sending them straight to Taiwan.

is that Taiwanese pilots need time to train at a base in Ariona. But they have been training there for years.

The delivery of 50 French
Mirage 2000 warplanes has
been similarly put off.

The official US explanation

The US, which does not rec-ognise Taipei but remains its most important military partner, describes its policy as one of "strategic ambiguity. It hopes confusion over its intentions will deter Beijing from using force and Taiwan from declaring independence.

A visit to Beijing last month by the White House national security advisor. Anthony Lake, has already triggered anniety — some say paranoia — in Taipel about Washington's intentions once the US presidential election is over. A summit between the winner and the Chinese presi-dent, Jiang Zemin, is ex-pected early next year.

"China is more inter at the moment in sorting out its affairs with the United States. But they will be back for us. They will be back after they have handled the US," said Ma Ying-jeou, Taiwan's

Empty promises threaten peace

Derek Brown in Jerusalem reports on the dangerous vacuum Mr Netanyahu was caused by the Israeli prime minister's lack of decision-making obliged to intervene, to say that in his view Syria posed no new threat, and that he

headlights of decision-

HE Israeli prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, promised yesterday that peace talks with the Palestine Liberation making. In the vacuum created by Organisation would resume

That is not news — he has been promising as much for two months, since taking substance. Last month the office. Just as he has been promising, every couple of far from new idea of "Lebameeks, to say how his government will fulfil Israel's commitment to redeploy its occupation troops in the occupation forces from West Bank town of Hebron.

Mr Netanyahu's promises come thick and fast, and they cut both ways. On Thursday night be promised Egypt's president. Hosni Mubarak, that there would be progress in talks with the Palestinians. But he has also promised Jewish settlers in the occupied territories that they can ex-

pand their colonies, with his blessing and help. He has promised the set-tlers in the Golan Heights that their land will not be given back to Syria.

raeli government is exasperating its friends, as well should be "mutual": that

He has promised the Syrians peace talks, without preconditions.

Little wonder that the Is-

Syria, the de facto suzer-ain in Lebanon. was pre-dictably outraged by the suggestion of talks bypass-ing the main issue for Da-mascus: Golan. The pro-posal was dismissed as a ploy to blame Syria for lack of progress.

would be brought to heel.

of progress.

Then, eight days ago, Israel let it drop that it no longer felt bound by the tentative understandings achieved in negotiations in the United States earlier this year. The central idea which emerged from those talks was that any security arrangement on the Golan

really was incensed, the more so when the new Is-raeli position was followed

raen position was followed by a spate of academic and military "revelations". Amnon Shahak, the army chief, said Syria had ac-quired Scud missiles capable of bitting most of Israel. The respected academic Ze'ev Ma'oz, who was analysing the government's "total turnaround", said its guarantees that the Islamist guerrillas in Lebanon main import was "a signifi-cant increase in the likeli-

hood of a war breaking out against Syria". Not surprisingly, the comment opened a hot de-bate in Israel. Haggai Merom, a Labour member of the Knesset (parliament), called for a parlia-mentary debate on the "renewed threat" of war with Syria.

with Syria.
In Damascus meanwhile, the official media was peering at the same question from its side of the looking-glass. The daily paper al-Ba'ath, detecting Zionist warlike intentions, warned that Israel "should count to a hundred, even to a thon-

hoped (again) that talks could be restarted. He also said that, apropos the security understandings negotiated by the previous gov-ernment, Israel was committed only to signed

That last observation raised hollow laughter among the Palestinians. who have waited in vain for Mr Netanyahu to move beyond his repeated claims that the PLO is violating the peace accords by maintain-ing offices in Jerusalem. Israel's argument, that

Jerusalem is its exclusive

property, is in itself a viola-

tion of the peace accords. But the debate about who is the more egregious viola-tor of the accords is beginning to look dangerously sterile. Yasser Arafat's self-rule Palestinian Authority is on the brink of bank-ruptcy, mired in human rights abuse and corrup-tion, and under unrelenting pressure from Israel to bash the Islamists (and

vice-versa). It desperately needs prop from Israel, in the form of some progress in the interminably delayed a hundred, even to a thou-sand, before engaging in it is getting is promises.

News in brief

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could prevent this terrible Photograph.

Nuns intensify prayers for Mother Teresa as doctors express their concern

Suzanne Goldenberg in New Delhi

OTHER TERESA (right), practically beatified on earth for her devotion to the needy, was in a poor condition in a Calcutta hospital last night after suffering heart failure and with malarial

Doctors at Woodlands nursing home said she had worsened during the day, describ-ing her condition as "unstable". Though con-scious, she was under sedation and running a mild temperature. She remained on a respirator in intensive care. On Thursday doctors ried," said an official at the

revived the Albanian-born

nun by electric shock when are caring for her.



hospital, where five doctors

banned visitors, including the nuns from her order who had been holding a vigil outside the hospital Mother Teresa, who turns 86 on Tuesday, was taken to Woodlands with malaria and her heart weakened a day later. Yesterday her doctors reversed a decision to remove the respirator, after

Charity, nuns in the bluetrimmed white saris of the 47-year-old order intensified their prayers. "We are praying for Moth-er's good health and recovery. Before she became ill, we con-

stantly prayed for her good health." said Sister Mary

Refugees to Yesterday the doctors be repatriated Zaire and Rwanda have agreed to repatriate more than one million Rwandan refugees living in Zairean camps since mid-1994. — AP.

Jordan has asked an Iraqi diplomat to leave after blaming Iraq for last week's unrest, her condition worsened.

At Mother House, which houses the Missionaries of caused by a government decision to double bread prices. -

US ship in N Korea The United Nations World Food Programme said yesterday that a US merchant ship had docked in North Korea for the first time in 45 years to deliver food aid. - Reuter.

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Report claims traces of plastic explosive found on wreckage

Strongest evidence yet of bomb on TWA flight

Martin Walker in Chicago

WESTIGATORS examining the wreckage of TWA flight 800 have found races of a chemical used in explosives on a seat from the passenger cabin.

It is the strongest evidence yet that the 230 passengers on board the plane, which plunged into the Atlantic minutes after taking off from New York on July 17. were victims of a bomb. The traces suggest the presence of PETN, an advanced plastic explosive commonly used as a detona-tor in advanced ammunition. bombs and US-made anti-air-

with caution, partly because of the possibility that the realdue could have come from PETN contamination on the decks of navy and coastsuard els which brought the

wreckage ashore.
PETN, pentaerythritol tetranitrate, is almost always other explosives, and the FBI and other investigators are still trying to find other clues and traces on the wreckage. Nasa scientists who studied the remains of the doomed Challenger space shuttle have been called in to belp with an investigation, which is still far from complete.

bombs and US-made anti-air-craft missiles.

A report in yesterday's New York Times cited three senior but anonymous officials confirming the PETN traces but adding that it was still impossible to say exactly what had brought the airliner down.

Tar from complete.

The remains of the plane's fuel pumps are being studied by scientists from the Marshall space flight centre in Huntsville, Alabama. This suggests that the theory of an explosion in the central fuel tank has not been ruled out.

We are trying to find out anything we can about these things malfunctioning," said Robert Francis, the vice-chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. He declined yesterday to rule out any theory: bomb, missile or accident.

The PETN traces could give The PETN traces could give new life to the theory, sparked by eyewitness reports of a second fast-mov-ing flery object in the sky as the airliner exploded, that a missile may have brought the plane down. There is so far no other evidence to system. other evidence to sustain such a hypothesis, but the possibility is enough to restrain official comment.

The new evidence of explosives from one of the seats between rows 17 and 27 has en-couraged speculation that a passenger took the bomb on board, it exploded, and then ignited the fuel in the main tank. said that this explains the the remains of 21 bodies; that those seated in the rows by

those seaten in the rows by the tank were in effect disin-tegrated by a huge explosion. But Mr Francis dismissed that theory, saying that only five of the 21 missing had been sitting in that area. Reports that the explosion took place on the right-hand side of the cabin were described as "not a good conclu-

sion to draw".

Although the investigation continues apace, the search for more wreckage is winding

The USS Grasp, a specialist diving and salvage vessel, is expected to leave the area next week. Another salvage ship, the USS Grapple, will remain to recover what remains of the now wellmapped debris on the ocean

Peru clears way for Fujimori

Jane Díaz-Límaco in Lima reports on a popular president who is poised for a third term in the next elections in 2000

A LAW passed by the Peruvian congress yesterday has given Alberto Fujimori the stay in power. opportunity to become one of Latin America's longest-serving democratically elected presidents. The law, called an "au-

thentic interpretation" of the constitution, states that a bar on any president serving more than two consecutive terms cannot be applied retrospectively.
Mr Fujimori was elected

president in 1990 and 1995. But after he dissolved the opposition-dominated parliament in 1992 — the socalled auto-coup — a new constitution was written the following year by a congress that supported Mr Fujimori.

He is now free to stand for a third five-year term in the next elections in 2000. the new law, which was passed by 70 votes to three. violates the constitution.

Mr Fujimori has a popu-larity rating of more than r cent, and loyal MPs

The law was first changed after he dissolved parliament in 1992. A new lected body rewrote the constitution allowing a president to be re-elected once, a change narrowly approved by referendum. Alfredo Torres, of the leading Apoyo market research company, said Mr Fujimori owed much to the

amid economic chaos and allegations of corruption. "Garcia's failure vacci-nated voters against traditional politicians, since in his fail García pulled all the traditional politicians down with him." Mr Torres

failure of his predecessor, Alan Garcia, who left office

Mr Fullmori's 1990 vic-tory scaled voters' prefer-ence for independent

Mr Fujimori has also been helped by the absence of alternative leaders. The novelist Mario Vargas

Llosa left Peru after his electoral defeat by Mr Fuji-mori in 1990. He adopted Spanish nationality, leav-ing his fledgling Fredemo movement in disarray.

Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the former secretary-general of the United Na was seen as too old and out of touch when he stood in 1995. Mr Fujimori was reelected with 64 per cent of the vote.

heavy-handed, but his decisions, notably the auto-coup and the introduction of harsh military trials for those suspected of subversion, have struck a chord with Peruvians weary of hyper-inflation and guerrilla attacks.

"Peru has a long autocratic tradition that means someone like Fujimori, who takes hard decisions. who leads, is attractive," said Mr Torres Despite the intellectual

elite's protests that Mr Fujienter a process that Mr rap-mort has allied bimself with the army and fostered a huge intelligence network, voters have yet to show they doubt his image as a hard-working, honest pragmatist. "He loves power and power has given him secu-rity," Manuel Torrado, an

analyst, said.

Five killed in Algerian blast

A home-made bomb exploded in a market in the district of Tipasa west of Algiers yester-day, killing three women and two children, Algerian secu-rity forces said. Five people were injured.

The security forces said they defused four other bombs in a raid immediately after the explosion. — Reuter

Pinochet victims

A Chilean government com

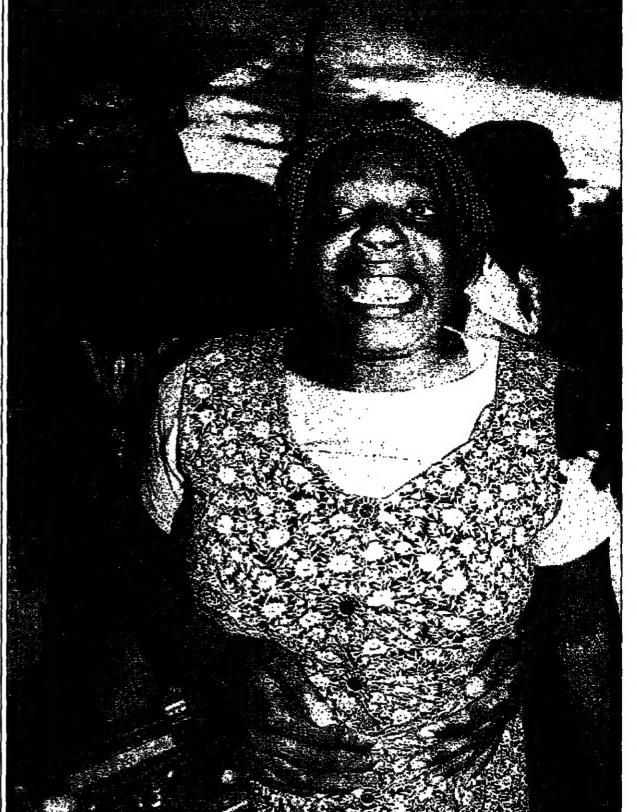
nission has reported that 3,197 people were killed or dis-appeared during General Augusto Pinochet's 16 years in power. It is considered the final official tally of victims of the dictatorship. - AP.

Amazon crafts

Russian-built hovercrafts will soon be plying the waters of the Amazon to reduce the difficulties of transport on the Brazilian waterway, the government said. - Reuter.

Pilot goes home Adolfo Pèrez Pantoja, the

pilot who ditched a small Cu-ban plane in the Gulf of Mex-ico after three passengers forced him to fly towards the United States, has returned home, as he had requested, vesterday. — Reuter.



The wife of Jacques Florival grieves after he was shot dead at their home in Port-au-Prince

Haiti television station attacked in new round of violence

station has been hit by gunshots, the latest incident in a week of violence.

A United Nations spokes man, Eric Falt, said shots

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Two political killings and an attack on a police station in which one civilian died

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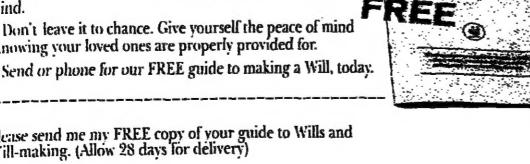
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Chance for Alhaarth followers to celebrate

wear's most disappointing three-year-old, gets the chance to repay his dwindling band of supporters at Goodwood today when the Tripleprint Celebration Mile looks his for the taking.

Winter favourite for the 3,000 Guineas and the Derby after an unbeaten run of five wins as a juvenile. Alhaarth and fifth in the respective in the respective in his run up the straight. He holds Restructure (fifth) on that form, and is so favoured by race conditions that he receives 3lb from Gothenberg, who finished a lot farther behind the Hern colt. More recent furm, through Sorbie Tower, also favours Alhaarth. The easing in ground conditions that he respective is the finish but for being checked in his run up the straight. He holds Restructure (fifth) on that form, and is so favoured by race conditions that he receives 3lb from Gothenberg, who finished a lot farther behind the Hern colt. More recent furm, through Sorbie Tower, also favours Alhaarth.

that they have gone down as failures. In fact, Dick Hern's colt is still capable of high class form over a mile.

Deauville last time.
Alhaerth was six lengths

In other circumstances those would be considered highly creditable efforts, but such was the weight of expectation burdening Alhaarth

Antarin was six neguts addition of Esteem in the 2,000 Guineas, but there is a filb swing in his favour now. Drawn in the middle of the course at Newmarket, Alhaarth had to race on slower ground than Mark Of Esteem, who was all out to hold Even Top and Bijou d'Inde on the stands' ralls.

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Hern's decision to dispense with the blinkers worn by Alket. She looks well to haarth (3.50) on his last two

LHAARTH, last season's top two-year-sold, probably this behind First Island and team may well have Mark Of Esteem back to his best, but with his penalty he looks

The easing in ground condi-tions will suit both Bishop Of Cashel and Distant Oasis.
Henry Cecil's filly returned with a lung infection after furishing fourth in the Irish 1,000 Guineas and is still something of an unknown

there was a lot to like about his run in last month's Sussex the Guineas, Mark Of Esteam fathom. But there seems no stakes over today's course and distance when he kept on James's Palace Stakes at strongly to take third place Royal Ascot. The Godolphin more chance. Willie Carson, who is bid-

ding for a hat-trick of Celebra-tion Mile wins on Albaarth following Mehthasf and Harning of Abeyr (2.45). after a short break. The form of her first two wins is holding up well and, with Frankie Dettori aboard, Abeyr is preferred to Cool Edge, who readily accounted for Akil at Newbury last Saturday.

Questonia (3.40) is the best bet of the day at Newmarket. She looks well treated on her handican debut

ayir in the past two years, is claimed for Akil in the Caf-frey's Irish Ale Handicap but he will have more than a passing interest in the run-Carson bred this Michael Jarvis-trained filly, who ran as though she needed her recent outing at Sandown after a short break. The form

Trainer's absence assists Carranita

Place Properties Hopeful Stakes at Newmarket, the six-year-old picking up her third listed prize of 1996 and her fourth in all. But her trainer Bryn Palling was not present. He was told to keep well away from the track — by order of the owners.

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■ There are four European runners in tomorrow's Arlington Million over 10 furlongs in Chicago — Paul Kelleway's Glory of Dancer (Michael Kinane), Clive Brittain's Needle Gun (Shane Sellers), David Loder's Prince of Andros (Pat Eddery) and Alain de Royer-Dupre's Valanour (Gerald Mosse) — while Loder's Bahamian Knight (Eddery) and Peter Chapple-Hyam's Regal Archive contest the 10-furlong Secretariat Stakes on the same card.

Hereford National Hunt

There are four European runners in tomorrow's Arlington

Beverley

In doing so she netted quite a punt, having been sent off the 100-30 favourite after being freely on offer at 6-1 in the morning.

Legend to his list of St Leger candidates after the Alleged colt saumtered to an impressive victory in the Breheny Handicap.

Sent on by Willie Ryan the final Classic at Doncaster on September 14.

"He's a big baby but is a very nice horse," said Cecil. "He is in the Leger but we will keep our options open."

ARRANITA landed a substantial gamble in yesterday's Portland place Properties Hopeful Stakes at Newmarket, the dix-year-old picking up her hird listed prize of 1996 and her fourth in all.

Rut her trainer Bryn Recing towards the far rail, Carranita was sent to the front by Tim Sprake a furlong from home and kept on to deny Atraf by a length, with Rambling Bear a one-paced third, another length and a half admit.

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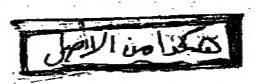
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Beers and cheers for Masterkova

Duncan Mackay in Brussels

Svetlana Masterkova when she broke the world 1,000 metres record here last night. But in-stead of vodka all round, it was a glass of celebratory beer that was being raised to

The sell-out crowd of 40,000 in the Stade Roi Boudouin the reconstructed Heysel — were able to toast Masterkova's success because a local sponsor had promised every-one a sample of their product if a world record was broken.

Masterkova, the Olympic 800m and 1500m champion, stopped the clock at 2min 28.98sec, taking 0.36sec off Maria Mutola's mark set in the corresponding meeting last year. It was her second world record in 10 days: in Zurich last week she had set a

mile mark of 4.12.56.
Mutola was desperately chasing Masterkova down the home straight but the acclera-tion that she has added to her armoury since returning from having a baby 17 months ago carried the Russian away from the challenge. When the sponsor came on to the loudspeaker system to announce, "The drinks are on us," the noise was so great the new roof was nearly blown off.

pic gold medallists and a pa-rade of former champions had esembled for the 20th Van Damme Memorial meeting. But before the band had even had a chance to strike up Happy Birthday, the Ameri-can Allen Johnson got the party off to a great start when he splashed through the pud-dles of an early-evening downpour to win the 110m hurdles in 12.92, just one hundredth of a second off Colin Jackson's world record.

It was the second time in three months that Johnson had missed the record by the smallest possible margin — he had run the same time at the US Olympic trials in June. Jackson was five yards down in second place in 13.24. Part of the secret in the fast times lay in the track, a newly laid Mondo surface of the type which had produced so many astonishing perfor-mances in Atlanta a faw

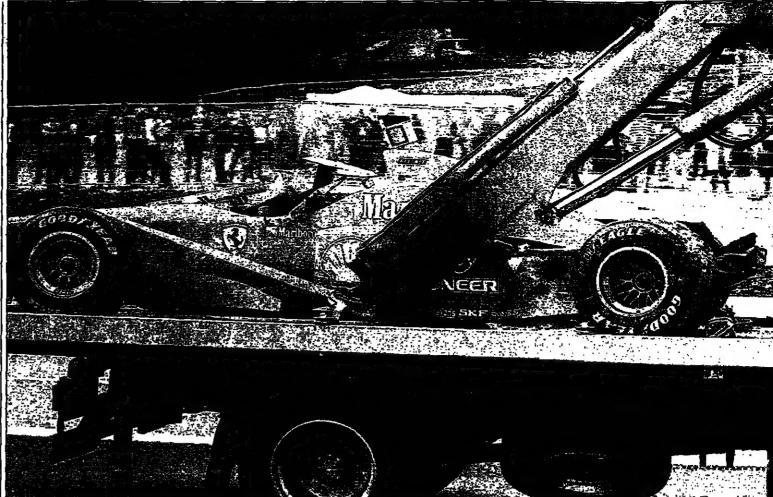
weeks ago. Jackson's business partner Linford Christie is also feeling the strains of a long sea son. He lost a major grand prix 100m for the seventh consecutive time as Dennis Mitchell turned the tables on the Olympic champion Dono-van Bailey, the American winning impressively in 10.03sec. Christie looked

Mystery surrounded the knee injury that Christie claimed to have suffered in Gateshead on Monday after finishing second in the 200 metres which led him to withdraw from a rece against Rai. draw from a race against Bai champion was described in a Brussels newspaper headline as "Christie the Comedian"

on Thursday after it was revealed by the meeting director Wilfred Meert that his agent had rang on Tues day to say "there was no

performed the best party trick but he was not the chief guest. That honour fell to another Johnson — Michael The or ganisers had committed budget to make sure he turned up to run his first race since that remarkship mm in Atlanta when he set a world 200m record of 19.32sec. Johnson, now elevated to

the status of American icon, ran his other gold-medal win-ning distance of 400 metres. Racing in purple spikes in-stead of the gold he wore on his feet during the Olympics, he had so much in hand as he won in 44.29 that he was able to turn to the crowd five yards before the finish line and stretch his arms out wide jaded as he trailed in fifth in in celebration of his 56th 10.14, even losing out to Carl Lewis, who was third.



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Ferrari deny crisis as dramatic crash shakes up Schumacher

Easy pickings for Woosnam

place at 12 under.

Michael Britten in Stuttgart

AN WOOSNAM agrees with Seve Ballesteros, the Ryder Cup captain: the much too easy and it is flat-tering Europe's tournament professionals competing for the Volvo German Open title

But Woosnam will have no qualms about eventually se-curing a fourth win of the season and toppling Colin Mont-gomerie from the head of the money list after a second 64. European players are not as good as the scores suggest and the reality is that Tour The 5ft 6in Welshman, who is officials are to blame for setfor a 14-under-par total of 128, the best by three shots on the

circuit this year. His second round included eight birdies and was finished off with an eagle at the 18th to give him a one-stroke lead over the 6ft 5in Robert Karls-son, who became the third man to return a 62, following Paul Broadhurst and Roger Chapman, by coming home in partnership with Mark Mc-28. The former Amateur champion lain Pyman and the Spaniard Fernando Roca. The spaniard Fernando Roca.

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Ballesteros, who followed his opening 68 with a 70, is not required for the final 36 boles, being a victim of a cut that fell at a record-equalling five-under 137, the same as in the BMW Open in Munich four years ago.
"You should be able to

score 62 if you play fantastic golf," said Ballesteros, "but what is happening here is giv-ing a very false impression." fast regaining his Midas ting up the course in this whose aim in life was to touch, produced an inward 29 way. You will see the differproduce sporting champience when we get to places like Valderrama."

That is where the next Ryder Cup match, for which qualifying starts next week, will be played. Ballesteros says he will be making the strongest representations to Tour officials to provide more difficult courses than the one they own here in Stuttgart in

Born To Give

Away Fridges

Lynn Barber meets Dale

Winton, king of daytime TV,

tomorrow in

The Observer

Home-loving Horton still iust desserts

N the embryonic days of the European Tour, back in the mid-Seventies, a man called Gus Payne used to do lines of all concerned. He was the founder of the caterers Payne and Gunter, and a particular pride and joy was his treacle pudding.

Tommy Horton, still but a lad, loved the stuff but learned quickly that it had sponsor, one Ernest Butten, ons who trained properly, practised properly and -strange idea for those days

ate properly.

As a result Horton not only became a champion; he established a waistline of 30 inches and a habit of winning — 12 tournaments worldwide on the regular tours - which continues to this day. Yesterday he had the lowest round of the tournament in the PGA Seniors Championship here, a four-under-par 68. It gave him a total of 139 and a three-stroke lead over Australia's Terry Gale. It puts him in a strong po-

sition to win his 11th Senior Tour event and his fourth this season. The £25,000 cheque would also take him over the £100,000 mark for the year, which would be almost half of what he won in 34 years on the regular Tour.

"Right now." says the 55-year-old Horton, "I'm having the best time of my life. Records are significant to me and as a kid growing up in Jersey I set myself goals. They weren't the same as, say, Jack Nicklaus or Ar-nold Palmer but, when I won my 10th Seniors event, to overtake Neil Coles, that

was pleasing."

Horton is one of only three men under par and he put his success down to playing the key holes at The Belfry well: "There are a lot of difficult holes out there but you really must hit good shots at the 3rd, 8th, 9th, 15th and 18th." Horton played that poten-

tially calamitous cluster in three under par, birdieing the 3rd with a five-iron to eight feet. At the 15th he almost holed a greenside bunker shot and at the 18th he hit a 281-yard drive, a 161-yard six-iron and holed from 12 feet.
The good news for the

Seniors Tour organisers, which is also the bad news for his fellow competitors is that Horton is not planning to cash in on the hugely rich US Senior Tour. "Everyone tells me I'm daft," he says, "but I know how I feel over there. know how I feel over there. It's okay during the tournament but the rest of it..."
He got his card once but found commuting from Jersey a tad slow. "On one occasion." he said, "they called me from Los Angeles and told me I was second reserve for the tournament. reserve for the tournament and had a good chance of getting in. So I flew 6,000 miles, spent £2,000 — and didn't get in. No. I don't think I'll be going back." Alan Henry at Spa-Fran

macher received an abrupt reminder here yesterday of how stark the changing for-tunes of motor racing can be he spent the second hour of the opening free prac-tice session for the Belgian Grand Prix in the Ferrari team's motor-home sleeping off the effects of a spectacular

The world champion lost control of his Ferrari F310 approaching the 120mph down hill Fagnes left-hander, the car snapped into a spin and careered backwards across the gravel trap to slam into a tyre wall. The force of the impact lifted the front wheels al-

most a metre off the ground, tor, dismissed and the German driver was fortunate to walk away with nothing more serious than a padly bruised right knee.

With the rear end of the car severely damaged, it was a lucky escape and lesser drivers might have been tempted to lay the blame on mechanical malfunction. But Schumacher shrugged aside the episode and admitted he had made a slight error of judgment, applying a touch too much throttle as he went to turn into the corner and

losing grip.
For the Ferrari team the accident represented yet an-other painful setback. Schumacher ended the day eighth fastest and his team-mate Ed-die Irvine 13th after handling problems. Névertheless Jean

tor, dismissed any sugges-tions of a crisis. "The technical situation at Ferrari ap-pears critical." he said, "but in fact things are much better than they seem. Michael was quickest before his accident and Eddie could have done better but for a small error on

It was particularly disap-pointing for the famous Italian team who were hoping that both drivers would bene fit from the use of a brand new seven-speed gearbox, one of which was destroyed in Schumacher's accident.

his final lap."

The first session ended with Gerhard Berger quickest in his Benetton-Renault, 0.636sec ahead of David Coulthard's McLaren-Mercedes and the Williams of Jacques Ville-neuve, making his Spa debut.

seventh place, having been balked by Pedro Lamy's slow the car, and hands on the wheel," he said. "But the per-Minardi on what he believed would be his fastest lap. As usual in a Friday free prac-tice session, the champion Monaco or Hungaroring. ship leader played his cards close to his chest with a view

to setting up his car to pro-duce the best possible performance in this afternoon's hour-long battle for pole position. Hill came to Belgium fresh from a test session at Barcelona, where he had concentrated most of his efforts on improving his starting technique which has cost him cru-

cial points on at least two occasions this season. However, Hill dismissed the prospect of switching to a hand-operated clutch control.

fect start is not nearly so important here as it is, say, at Hill relishes the discipline

of the fast Belgian circuit, twice, in 1993 and 1994. It offers more opportunities for overtaking than most tracks, providing the drivers with an exhilarating challenge and the fans with a spectacle to

With 17 points in hand over Villeneuve with four races left, the Englishman cannot clinch the world championship this weekend but he will want his first title firmly but toned up within the next month rather than face a nerve-racking contest down

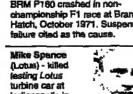


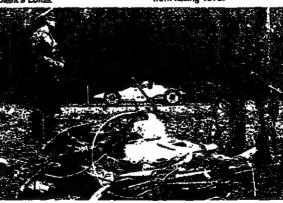
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and taking a bath in fuel Alan Henry recalls a watershed for Jackie | skill, not simply their bravery in what now seem prehistoric

Stewart and Formula One 30 years ago

Spa-Francorchamps is regarded as the jewel in the world championship crown: a track with enormous charac-ter guaranteed to yield an exacting challenge to the drivers in tomorrow's Belgian Grand Prix.

Yet this weekend Spa calebrates a most significant anniversary. The events of 30 years ago on the now unraced section through the pine for-ests of the Hautes Fagnes changed attitudes towards motor racing safety and started to transform the sport from a gung-ho, devil-maycare pastime in which the risk of death and injury were taken for granted as definite

On the opening lap of the 1966 Belgian Grand Prix the field was largely wrecked by a multiple accident when the cars hit an unexpected rainstorm only a couple of miles into the race. Cars skated off the track in all directions but by far the most serious accident involved the BRM driven by Jackie Stewart, then one of the most promising of the young rising stars. "I must have been doing

around 165mph when the car

By today's safety-con-scious standards in For-mula One, the circuit at ran into a wall of water in the way it can rain only in southern Belgium.

"First I hit a telegraph pole and then a woodcutter's cot-tage and I finished up in the outside basement of a farm building. The car ended up shaped like a banana and was still trapped inside it.
"The fuel tank had totally

ruptured inwardly snd the monocoque [chassis] literally filled up with fuel. It was sloshing around in the *c*ockpit. "The instrument panel was

smashed, ripped off and found 200 metres from the car but the electric fuel pump was still working away. The steering wheel wouldn't come off and I couldn't get out." Stewart was eventually freed by two fellow BRM drivers — Graham Hill, the father of the current world

shoulder bone and pelvic in-juries in the worst accident of his professional career.
It also prompted the Scot to

championship leader, and Bob Bondurant. He had sus-tained four broken ribs and

be paid to demonstrate their | nying chart shows.

On his return to racing Stewart was the first Formula One driver to start using a seat harness and he ensured that a spanner was always taped to the steering wheel of his BRM to facilitate his escape in the event of a repeat. Stewart also began a crusade for improved circuit safety which brought him the respect and the grateful ap-preciation of successive gen-erations of grand-prix

Yet by the time he retired in 1973 the old Spa-Francorchamps circuit had been sacrificed. It no longer made sense to race at 175mph down country lanes with such limited protection. The world

was moving on. In 1983, however, the Spa circuit returned to the calendar when the Belgian Grand Prix transferred to its spiritual home for the first time in 13 years. The track was shorter and less demanding now. a skilful blend of fast corners and run-off areas which served as reminders that modern race tracks need not be sterile and unimaginative.

Yet for almost half the field who accelerated away from recalibrate his approach to his chosen sport. Racing drivers, he reasoned, should come too late, as the accompa-

Rugby League

Wigan primed for a final spell on top as Saints wait to play the title role

Paul Flizpatrick

tainly be top of the Super League tonight but they had better make the most of it. They are unlikely to be there when the final match of this first summer season is played on Monday. The title looks destined for

St Helens, though their match with Warrington at Knowsley Road is no foregone conclu-sion, unlike Workington's trip to Central Park tonight. Earlier this year Saints, in a spell of three days, beat Warrington 84-0 in the Regal Trophy semi-final and 54-14 Sunday

in the championship, humili-ations which persuaded Brian Johnson, their Australian coach, that it was time to move on. Warrington are unlikely to suffer on that scale this time

and, indeed, lost by only a point to St Helens in a riveting game at Wilderspool ear-lier in the season. There is an additional in-

centive for Warrington: they can still finish in the top four and that would give them a place in the lucrative Pre-

St Helens, however, have enjoyed moments of fortune during the campaign. They won games they might eastly have lost, notably against London Broncos at home, and they were indebted to the Broncos for taking what has proved a crucial point off Wigan at Central Park.

But for all that, they will to entertaining the public the public the right to their first champions they might to their first champions and them hope will be must been almost impossible for Caraeme West, the Wigan coach, to omit him. Sensing that Edwards's long career at Central Park might be drawing to an end, clubs are jockeying for position in an attempt to sign the 29-year-old scrum-half.

London Broncos at home, and they were indebted to the Broncos for taking what has proved a crucial point off first year since 1968 that they have not won the Challenge Cun and the first year since

But for all that, they will make worthy champions. Like Bradford, Saints have embraced summer rugby s place in the lucrative Premiership play-offs. But they will be stretched to hold a Saints side in expansive mood against Sheffield Eagles last Sunday.

first year since 1968 that they have not won the Challenge Cup and the first year since 1950 that they have not won

the championship. Shaun Edwards has got his place back in the Wigan side after starting the three previ-ous games on the bench. After the influence he exerted on the match against London would deny a side so devoted | the second half it would have

ley are among his admirers and so are Salford, where his former colleague Andy Greg-ory is the coach. Saiford, who will be in Super League next year, are already looking to the future and have signed the 30-year-old Penrith and Australian Test forward John Cartwright. They would love

US Open at Flushing Meadow

Agassi goes back to where it hurt

Stephen Bierley on two men with special has made him the No. 2 at Flushing Meadow. "I like to play in New York." Chang said encouragingly. "The US

struggled so much this year. "I don't think he ever quite recovered from los-ing to me in the US Open final last fall."

History may repeat itself at Flushing Meadow a fortnight tomorrow. Initially Sampras and Agassi were drawn in the same half of the draw but the redraw late on Thursday saw them separated.

This redraw came about after a vehement protest from the players. The US Tennis Association had started off by drawing all the 112 nonseeded players and then fill-ing in the seeds. This is contrary to normal practice and provoked cries of "Fix!". So the entire draw, including the placing of the seeds, was redone, leaving television with the prospect of the final it most wants, Agassi-Sampras.

After the most miserable of times at the French Open and Wimbledon, when Agassi failed to survive the first week, the Atlanta Olympic Games saw him restored as a winner, and he followed his with victory in the ATP Cin-cinnati tournament.

"It's the standard I'd gotten my opponents used to and I haven't lived up to it for a while, Agassi admitted But the Cincinnati victory over his fellow American Michael Chang, having beaten Yev-geny Kafelnikov and Thomas Muster on the way to the

final. was most impressive. Then came last week's RCA tournament in Indianapolis and the default by the ATP supervisor Mark Darby after Agassi had made remarks to the umpire. It was the first time Agassi had been thrown out of a tournament, although he was a warning away from

ETE SAMPRAS be- | being dismissed in the French lieves he knows why Open and again warned for Andre Agassi has verbal abuse in the first Open and again warned for

round of the Olympics.
Had it not happened the case for Agassi winning his second US Open would have been strong, but that default must take some toll on him. Last year Agassi won seven titles including the Austra-lian and reached the US final on a 26-match winning streak.

The force appeared to be with him but Sampras won in four sets. "I think it took more out of him psychologically and emotionally than he maybe cared to admit," Sampras said. This may be true, although Agassi's abject performances in Paris and London appeared to point to samething much

to point to something much more radically wrong. If noth-ing else he was patently lack-ing in fitness, but his lack of desire was almost as obvious. Sampras's travails this sea-son have obviously stemmed directly from the death of his friend and coach Tim Gullik-son. In the early part of the year, before Gullikson's death from brain cancer, Sampras won four events; he did not take another title until last week in Indianapolis when he defeated Goran Ivanisevic 7-8, 7-5 in the event from

which Agassi was ejected. "There were moments when I played really well and moments when I was not there." Sampras said. Without doubt the home crowd will lift both Sampras and Agassi, neither of whom has won a Grand Slam title this nerability is self-evident.

The man in form is Chang, whose only defeat on hard courts this year was against Agassi. He is currently ranked No. 3 in the world and the USTA, breaking from its tradition of seeding players according to their rankings,

Open surface suits me — even though I've not been able to crack through.

Yet Chang's only Grand Slam title came seven years ago at Roland Garros when he ing puts huge pressure on op-ponents to come up with winning shots; Chang's problem has been that too many top players do just that in the

major events.
One day, or so received tennis wisdom has it, Croatia's Ivanisevic will win a Grand Slam event. But the No. 4 seed has a wretched record in the US Open and there seems no or cason to suppose he will do reason to suppose he will do well this time. That said, this has been a peculiar year in men's tennis with the top seeds flying like chaff in the wind at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon.

Such capricious form has undoubtedly heightened the excitement, though Wimble-don's Krajicek-Washington final surely stretched credu-lity to the breaking point of a hurled Ivanisevic racket.

What joy there would be if Sweden's Stefan Edberg, the US champion in 1991 and 1992, were to defeat Krajicek in the first round and go on to reach the final in his last year on the professional circuit at the age of 30. It is surely too much to hope for, though, even in this iconoclastic year. Tim Henman opens up against the Swede Mats Wi-

1988, and may then meet Todd Martin, his quarter-final con-queror at Wimbledon. It is a tough prospect for the British No. 1 but such are precisely the opponents he needs to beat regularly if he is to advance to the top 20. In each of the past three years Sampras has won two of

the four majors; ominously,

Last year's look . . . Agassi huffs and puffs during his failed defence of the US title in 1995

Seles eager to fire from the shoulder

turvy nature of the men's game, and the concomitant excitement, has not been mirrored in women's tennis.
writes Stephen Bierley.
Prior to the draw, and the women needed only one. another final between Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario would have seemed a safe bet, but they are due to meet in the semi-final.

Most attention, at least most attention, at Mon-ica Seles, beaten in last year's final by Graf. Seles was playing her first major competition since the stabcompetition since the star-bing incident in April 1993 and, when she won the Aus-tralian Open in January last year, her rehabilita-

tion appeared complete.
However, a shoulder injury halted her career once
again and since then the old Seles has only fleetingly been observed. Once the US Open and the Fed Cup final against Spain in late September are over, she is expected to have an operation.

Meanwhile, despite her failures in the French Open, Wimbledon and the Olympic Games, including two defeats by Jana No-votna, Seles has retained with Graf and is seeded No. 2 at Flushing Meadow.
The former Yugoslav,

citizen, may have lost her killer queen stature but she is certainly enjoying life to

the full. Seles stayed in the Olym-Seles stayed in the Olympic village at Atlanta, queued to get Muhammad Ali's autograph and has gleefully taken up the team challenge of Fed Cup play, where she is quick to point out: "You leave your ego and individuality at the door."

door. The greatest challenge to everybody this time may come from the 6ft 2in Lindsay Davenport who, with the help and succour of Billia Jean King the IIs lie Jean King, the US women's coach, has sudwomen's coach, has suddenly, perhaps permanently, been transformed. She won the Olympic final in Atlanta against Sanchez Vicario and went on to defeat Graf last week.

The pressure on the 20-year-old Californian, who has never progressed be-

has never progressed be-youd the fourth round of yond the fourth round of the US Open, however, will be all the greater given her recent sharp improvement, but the door to the final ap-pears wide open in the lower half of the draw. Graf, as ever, is nursing an injury: the same left tree which she had taued

knee which she had taped during her victorious Wim-bledon. She has played lit-

Rubin forced to miss out

CHANDA RUBIN, the withdrawal is good out of next week's US Open as she is still suffering with the right wrist injury which has ous floater Karina Habsunder of Standard Control of Standa troubled her for the last few dova, of Slovakia, in the first

The 20-year-old American, who would have been seventh seed at Flushing Meadow, was also forced to miss the French Open and Wimbledon pion, will now meet a because of the tendinitis. qualifier.

Paralympics

Habsudova, the world No. 17, moves into Rubin's place in the draw while Davenport, the Olympic cham-

County Championship: Yorkshire v Lancashire

Sweet revenge as White Gooch on century guard collars Lancashire

Andy Wilson at Headingley

ANCASHIRE were responsible for the lowest ment of Craig White's career in June as he conceded the runs that cost Yorkshire a place in the Benson and Hedges Cup final. So the relish with which he savaged their woeful attack yesterday. to reach a new career-best of 181, should not have come as

a surprise. There were 21 fours and four sixes for White, who had even considered retirement after his sponsored car was pelted with rubbish by Yorkshire followers on the way back over the Pennines. That would have been a waste of talent, a blow for Yorkshire and perhaps still for England. Some of his shots yesterday, particularly his cover drives, showed why Ray Illingworth which he inflicted painful

Glamorgan v Kent

David Foot in Cardiff

F OTTIS GIBSON had other things on his mind, like the uncertainty of an extended

contract and Glamorgan's in-

terest in Wagar Younis, one

His reflexes let him down

and he failed to reach a midoff chance offered by Carl

Hooper. Cruelly the ball went

through for four. It was an ex-

pensive over for Adrian Dale:

his next delivery was belted

for six and the one after that

This was an important but

frustrating fixture for Kent.

On another day restricted by

rain, they searched for quick

runs. Hooper moved to his

half-century and, surpris-

ingly for a side so high in the

championship table, he be-

came the first Kent player to

pass 1,000 runs for the season.

His 50 came in 50 balls, with

to be preoccupied with Wa-

qar's future; had not Glamor-

The small crowd appeared

three sixes and five fours.

for another boundary.

Ottis regrets as Wagar is

the name on Welsh lips

has given White, still only 26, every chance to overcome his physical and psychological

White even pinched a record off Illingworth: his part-nership of 252 with Richard Blakey beat by 64 Yorkshire's previous best for the sixth-wicket in Roses Matches, set with Willie Watson at Sheffield in 1955.

White and Blakey plundered 220 in less than 42 overs, with Blakey reaching his first century for four years from 150 balls. Gough's batting skill was on only brief display. The three expletives he chose to describe his dismissal, caught behind off Martin for a sixth-ball duck. suggested he was not im-pressed by Umpire Holder's decision and he provided

Javed Miandad and Viv Richards to come? The county

were hardly self-effacing

when it came to putting a few

big names on the payroll. But, well yes, it is true they had

also come badly unstuck with

Did someone mention Greg

Armstrong! While the spectators chat-

ted away, they probably did not notice that Kent had

taken their score to 255 for

three before the rain started

again. Fulton was first to go

for 64, stretching for a wide

swayed by the needs of his

side, played across the line;

he aimed for midwicket, only

to top-edge for a catch at back-ward point off Barwick. After

that Llong played some of his

The bowling looked ordi-

nary, the clouds ominous.

and have two days left to fash-

best shots of a modest season.

one or two overseas signings.

blows on Gallian and Speak. Silverwood broke the opening stand with the first ball after the interruption, Titchard apparently struggling to pick up a full-length delivery, before Gough gained his reward when Speak flashed loosely to give Blakey his

> White completed a good day with the wicket of Gallian and a slip catch to dismiss Lloyd in Stemp's second over after a stand of 73 inside nine overs with Fairbrother, who went on to reach a 62-ball half-cen-

500th first-class victim.

Byas's declaration at 529 for eight had left Lancashire to the match but this perforthe Championship, leads to one of two unpalatable conclusions: they are either under-achieving or overEssex v Gloucestershire

to stay king of the Castle

David Hopps at Colchester

OR THOSE not privileged to watch Graham Gooch, the inclination is to imagine that his batting powers must be on the wane. As he plods deeper into his forties, with his England retirement now 18 months past, every subsequent county innings is studied for signs of growing

vulnerability.
To witness Gooth banish such assumptions with the certainty that he did yesterday is to revel in an unyield-ing talent. The old fellow may fret about his fielding and hanker after a coaching job but, for the moment, his batting remains just as domi-neering and arguably more judicious.

Park yesterday were ample time for his commanding, uneaten 105, his sixth firstclass century of the summer and 126th of his career, to reemphasise Essex's champion ship challenge.

His clubbing stroke play was at its most imperious. Resuming on 33, he needed only another 84 balls to reach his 100, and even that allowed for considerable caution in

By the close Essax were 194 without loss and trail Gloucestershire by only 86, a position promising enough to survive a few more showers over the last two days. Darren Robinson, firmly rooted on 72, also played his part. Robinson is a muscular figure but, bat-ting alongside Gooch, he is often overshadowed. When Gooch retires, Robinson will against Gloucester at Castle overnight.

BONERSKY V DURMAN Weston-super-Marry Scherser (Spis) Irsii Durham (5) by 25 runs with four first-innings vickets standing. DARRHAMS First Innings 326 (0 M Cox 95no. S L Campbell 68; Rose 7-73).

SCALERSET First innings (overnight: 236-4) R J Harden c Roseberry b Saggers

Once or twice Gooch's deflections against Walsh eered close to short leg but they were trifles. Walsh was hooked, his clumping drives spared no one and Davis's left-arm spin was greeted with a simple flick over mid-wicket which left the floor of the Lay & Wheeler marquee awash with the nervous spill-

ing of expensive pinot gris.

An over before the close he steered Davis to backward point and rousing cheers rung around this attractive tree-lined ground as they must have in their time for Gooch will never challenge

the likes of Hobbs and Grace. Hobbs' achievements post-40 but, if old age is a regret, then his middle period remains as bountiful as ever. There is no urgency for him to invent a new role for himself while his old one is functioning so impressively.

Headingley Lancashire (2pts) trail York-shire (5) by 367 runs with so: first-swings wicker standing. roomerrickes samong, romicsesses Trat lenings (overnight 305-5)

Total (for 4, 35 overs) 162
Fall of wicksets 26, 41, 74, 147.
Ta bats "M Watsheson, 1W K Hegg, R J Green, 6 Kredy, P J Martin, Bowlings, Gough 13-4-30-1; Silverwood 8-1-33-1; Hartley 4-0-38-0; White 5-0-32-1; Stemp 5-3-15-1.
Useptress J H Harris and V A Holder. No pisy, rain Leicester Letts 343-8 (P V Simmons 108. P A Nizon 57no; Renshaw 4-55) v Hants. Trent Bridget Notis 392-6 (G F Archer 143no, M P Dowman 107) v Surrey.

Three points are awarded for a county championship draw but bonus points remain as before in the first 17d overs of each side's first invaring. Bailing: 200 runs; [1 point]: 250 (2pts): 300 (3pts), 350 (4pts). Bowling: stree wicks): [1 point]: five (2pts): sween (3pts): nine (4pts). The new ball can still be taken after 100 overs. A no ball is earth two runs in the batting side; rune scored of a no ball count in addition to the two-run penalty. Under-19 Third Test

Hover England 400 (D J G Sales 135, O A Shah 91; Sewell 4-90; New Zealand 132-2 (N R Parlane 50 no. M D J Walker 51).

AUM SOURTY & LAW LEAGUE (2.0): Col-chaster: Essex v 'Stoucosterahre. Car-difft Glamorgan v Kent. Leicestera Leicesterahre v Hampshire Morthamp-tern Northamptonshire v Sursex. Treet Bridge Nothinghamshire v Sursex. Treet Bridge Nothinghamshire v Sursex v Durham Enghastors: Warwickshire v Worcester-shire Handingley: Yorkshire v Landshire.

Disco beat fails to lift Willey

Richard Redden in Atlanta

IVE minutes before the 67.5kg division powerlifting contest was due to begin in the Marriott Marquis Hotel's glitzy ballroom, the music started pounding. Young female helpers danced and gyrated on the stage, turning to wiggle their backsides at spectators, and the Britons looked on bemused. Back home they do their thing in peace and quiet but here the music blared out even between lifts. Anthony Peddle, Britain's sole Para-

46kg division, had found it all off-putting. "I don't think it's necessary." he said. But there was no denying that the American razzmatazz made it a show — and, against all expectation, it was a Briton, Russell Willey, who became the star of that show

lympic medallist so far in the

sport with a bronze in the

in the 67.5kg division.

Powerlifting, a sport for wheelchair users, amputees and competitors with cerebral palsy, has supplanted weightlifting in the Paralympic sports because of its popularity. The lifters lie horizontally, strapped down,

while they perform.

Most just lie there and lift.

Not Willey. Having had his legs strapped down, he suddenly bolts upright and for a full 30 seconds heaves his chest in and out and glares into, or at, the audience with an eye-popping routine straight out of the Limord

was the view of one loud fe male voice out of the audience. Mean or not, Willey was fourth in his class at Barcelona and had a medal chance here, but in the end he was beaten by the boom in Asian and Middle Eastern power-

lifting.
Willey managed 172.5kg but then failed on 180kg to finish sixth behind Haidong Zhang of China, who set a world record with a massive lift of 195kg. The result meant that Peddle is one of only two Europeans to win any of the 18 lifting medals so far.

Willey, aged 32 and from Cardiff, said of his showstopping routine: "I took the idea from Geoff Lovell, a sports psychologist at Roehampton Institute in London. It gets me into focusing on what I have to do and ignoring distractions.

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There was another musical interlude on Thursday night in the swimming at Georgia Tech Aquatic Centre, when a tremendous Atlanta thunderstorm stopped activity at both the pool and the Olympic Stadium. Competitors and spec-tators at the pool passed a happy quarter-hour dancing to music from the loudspeakers: it was a joyous Par-alympics occasion with even the American army security guards joining it.

Britain won another gold in the pool when James Anderson of Broxburn in West Lothian set a world record in the 50m backstroke S2 (severe disability) class in 1min Christie manual. 13.66sec to add to his gold in The Americans loved it. the 100m freestyle S2.

Ice Hockey

Bison fans back Heasman

Vic Batchelder

ASINGSTOKE Bison fans have signed a petition to the team owners, Civic Leisure Limited, supporting the sacked former Great Britain player Stuart Heasman after his ejection from the rink last weekend by security staff when he watched his old team in a game with Bracknell. Heasman, 21, had played for Basingstoke since 1988 but recently had a two-year contract terminated by Civic Lei-

sure 12 months early. His father Alan, who spent many years in industrial relations, said his son was given no reason for being ejected other than that "it was head-office instructions".

On Heasman's departure from the club,his father said:

"Civic Leisure have point blank refused to give any reasons in writing for dismissal. Obviously legal proceedings are our only route. The rink ejection was done in full view of the fans. As a result pandemonium broke out. Fans were shouting at the bouncers and some even proposed a lock-in to prevent Stuart being ejected." He added that, when his son

was leaving, "close-marched by two bouncers", he asked Basingstoke's coach Peter Woods: "What's going on here?" Woods replied: "It's nothing to do with me; stop your whinging Heasman."

A Civic Leisure director
Mike Page said yesterday that the ejection was being fully investigated, adding: "Whatever action should be taken will be taken."

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gan previously persuaded ion a contest in their favour.

last-wicket record broken

Warwickshire

A SHLEY GILES and Tim Munton shared a record last-wicket Warwickshire partnership of 141 against Worcestershire at New Road yesterday, overtaking the 128 set by Fred Santall and Wilf Sanders against Yorkshire in 1930.

Giles, who made a career-best 83 and Munton (54), his maiden championship half-century, joined forces at 169 for nine on Thursday. They added 65 to the overnight total before Giles was bowled. After only the fourth cen-

ball and giving James a tum-bling catch at gully. It was only Gibson's 13th first-class wicket of the summer. Six runs later Ward, tury stand for the last wicket in Warwickshire's history, they were dis-missed for 310. Worcestershire reached 10 without Only 21 overs were

Mare where Somerset, resuming on 236 for four in reply to Durham's 326, advanced to 298 for six before play was abandoned. Richard Harden (65) and Shane wicket stand to 77 before both fell at 294.

Kevin Curran - 79 not out, with a six and nine fours — and Tony Penberthy (42) rescued North-amptonshire with a fourthwicket stand of 124 after Sussex had reduced them to 22 for three at Northampton. Replying to 389 all out. Northamptonshire closed on 160 for four.

Scoreboard

County Championship

Total (for 3, 77 overs). 255
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE . SUSSEX

Bowling: Ambrose 20-7-48-0; Tsylor 21.1-2-104-8; Capel 15-1-58-0; Emburey 31-8-77-3; Snape 15-2-48-0; Penberthy First lessings I R Montgomerie b Drakes A Fordham s Mosres b Lev

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WORKERSTERMAN f S Curtis not out N P C Weston not out

Hark an echo

to the sound

David Lacey considers the prospects for Britain's teams in Europe following the draws for the three competitions

United face the Juve test

have not already sent a note of thanks to Jean note of thanks to Jean Marc Bosman, then now is surely the time to do so. The Bosman case effectively ended Uefa's restrictions on fielding foreign players, and Alex Ferguson is going to need all the talent he has at this disposal if United are to his disposal if United are to reach the knock-out stages of the Champions' Cup this

The draw for the Champions' League has offered Old Trafford a glimpse of heaven provided they achieve more success in the Other Place than they have dear they bear th than they have done in the

Juventus, the European Cup holders, lie immediately across Manchester United's path but eventually they will be back in Turkey, this time to face Fenerbahce, and Dalian Atkinson, rather than their previous tormentors

Galatasaray.
"Welcome to Hell" shouted
the banners at Istanbul airport as Ferguson and his players flew in three years ago, and so it proved, with Eric Cantona sent of after the final whistle, the Turkish police walloping everything in sight and United going out on a 0-0 draw having already been held to 3-3 by Gelsta-

The following seeson United's experience was less fraught but a similar result did little for their Champions League hopes. Subsequent humiliations in Barcelona and Gothenburg ended them

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Section 1

Fenerbahce, now coached by the Brazilian Sebastiao Lazaroni, could be a tougher prospect than Galatasaray. During the summer they signed a Bulgarian forward Emil Kostadinov from Bayern Munich and a Nigerian, Jay-Jay Okocha, from Eintracht

Frankfurt. The Turkish coincidence apart, the latest draw offers United opposition of a remarkably similar balance to the teams they faced in to the teams they faced in 1994-95. For Barcelona read Juventus, and for Gothenburg read Rapid Vienna, last season's runners-up in the Cup Winners' Cup after knocking out Sporting Lisbon, Dynamo Moscow and Feyenoord along the way.

Obviously the prospect of United meeting Juventus in Turin a formight on Wednes-day will add extra spics to the new season. Not least because United are about to find out why Juve considered themselves strong enough to be able to sell Vialli and Ravan-elli to English clubs as well as off-loading Carrera, Vierchowod, Paulo Sousa and others elsewhere.

Manchester United Amoruso, Vieti and several ave not already sent a more. It may be to United's

more. It may be to United's advantage to get their visit to the Stadio delle Alpe out of the way at this early stage, while Juventus's new team is bedding down.

Against that, Ferguson will be anxious at the thought of facing opponents of this quality without Roy Keane and Phil Neville, let alone Cantona, who serves a one-match tona, who serves a one-match European ban held over from two years ago. History is hardly on Unit-

ed's side where Juventus are concerned, the Italians having knocked them out of the Uefa Cup 20 years ago and the Cup Winners' Cup semi-finals

in 1984. Not that United have been given the toughest group. Here Rangers have drawn the short straw following Wednesday's spectacular 7-2 demolition of the Russian champions Alania Vladikav-kaz in the away leg of the qualifying round.

Walter Smith's team will be

up against Ajax, the Euro pean Cup winners in 1995, rumers-up last season and the essence of the Holland team in Euro 96. They will also face Auxerre, whose removal from last seeson's Uefa Cup by Nottingham Forest could not disguise the technical superiority of a side that regularly reflects the strongest roots of French

Grasshopper Zurich are hardly make-weights either, having eliminated Slavis Prague 6-0 on aggregate to reach the Champions' League. The presence of Tur-kyilmaz alone will be enough to warn Ibrox Park agains The rest of the draws have

been reasonably kind to English interests, an excep-tion being Arsenal who now face the prospect of being eliminated from the Uefa Cup before Arsène Wenger, the French manager due to suc-ceed the sacked Bruce Rioch, arrives from Japan. One of the last opponents

Arsenal wanted just now was Borussia Möuchengladbach, with the opening leg to be played at Highbury. Caltic probably feel the same about Hamburg. Newcastle and Aston Villa

will be up against tricky but negotiable Swedish hurdles in Halmstads and Helsingborgs. Barry Town's heroics have sent them no further than Aberdsen

In the Cup Winners' Cup Liverpool will meet a Finnish Graup S team masquarading as an automatic rifle, MyPa-47, who knocked out Motherwell in Steam Bucharest (Rom) the realiminary mound of last the preliminary round of last season's Uefa Cup. After the Brondby experience last time The European champions Antield would have been issu-have signed Boksic, Zidane, ing bullet-proof vests anyway.



Full draws for European trophies

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UEFA CUP

Brondby (Deri v Anrau (Switz); CSICA Moscow v Feyencord (Nith); Appel Hisseia (Cyp) v Expanyol (Sp); Guingamp (Ft) v Internationale (B); Odense (Deri) v Boavista (Port); Ferencisons (Filing) v Olymphicus (Gre); Mewesselle Umbell v Halmstads (Swe); Albardisen v Barry Tesmi; Humbl. Kraine (Pol) v Monaco (Ft); Rome v Dynatio Mossow. Outlie v Hamburg: Tenerite v Maccelle Tel Artiv (Br); Parestnilos (Gre) v Legia Warsaw (Fol); Arasanal v Ber-

Simpson. His drive appeared goal-bound before it hit Im-

pey, who had made good

Rangers enjoyed an even

bigger let-off midway through the second half when Lee Rus-

sell, five yards out, somehow

ground to cover.

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Scottish preview

of silence United and Liverpool, with



NCE, when things had gone a bit quiet at The Shay, Halifax thought of an inge-nious way to liven up the atmosphere. Why not broadcas a recording of a big crowd's roar when the teams took the

At least the players would feel they were running out at Old Trafford or Antield, even if the empty terraces told them otherwise. But the Football League kiboshed the idea and The Shay carried on with just the echo of a sigh. When Coventry City won

promotion to the First Div-ision in 1967 their manager Jimmy Hill, never at a loss for s useful wheeze, wanted to fire a sky blue rocket at Highfield Road whenever the home team scored. But the local air traffic controllers objected. Such notions are only

recalled now because the Premier League has set up a working party to discuss ways of improving the crowd atmosphere at its matches. Fans feel that all-seat grounds are beginning to deprive the game of its traditional fervour.

This will be news to those who watch their football on BSkvB, where matches are previewed with the restraint of an old Flash Gordon trailer and broadcast to the accompaniment of roaring linkmen. Nevertheless Rick Parry, the Premier League's chief executive, is concerned about "the possible impact of all-seater tadia on crowd atmosphere.

"Action to improve atmosphere is a matter for each club to decide," says Parry, "taking account of their own tradition and culture, but it is right that we should have a look at this centrally in the light of the feedback from our supporter panels." According to Paul Johns,

the freelance consultant who is heading the working party, one message coming through from supporters is that an in crease in the number of away supporters allowed into Premiership grounds would sharpen the aimosphere. The seems, is not what it was. Just as well, some might add, but since Manchester

respective capacities of 55,000 and 41,000, each make provision for a mere 3,000 visitors, while Newcastle allow only 1,800 in a ground holding 36,610, it is clear that the sup porters have a point. Any idea of allowing in more away fans would be resisted, not least by those Premiership clubs whose grounds are proving too small

to hold their own supporters. So, when the working party reports back in October, it will need to come up with suggestions based largely on the present crowd mix. Johns is fully aware that the football has to generate its own mood. "It is not what hap-pens before a game or at half-

time that matters," he says. "It is what happens during a game. Pre-match entertain-ment is fine but, if fans feel that an atmosphere is being forced on them, they won't

HE European Championship, as much a tri-umph for the supportencouraged the working party to consider ways in which present restrictions on flagwaving, drum-banging and trumpet-blowing might be relaxed. The Dutch jazz band were the stars off the field at

The difficulty, as Johns acknowledges, lies in the changed and varied nature of the modern football crowd. Spectators might enjoy the sound of drum and trumpet but not if they are sitting next to it. May be this is the time to reintroduce the football rattle which, when properly swung, could rouse the hounds from

One wishes the working party well but the inescapable fact is that the game will never recapture the roar of a packed terrace. Today, even for a big match, a stadium will remain two-thirds empty until 10 minutes before the kick-off when the spectators drift in from the restaurants and bars.

When a 60,000 crowd had to start arriving two hours be-fore the match began to be sure of getting in, the growing anticipation generated its own sense of excitement. But that all ended at Hillsborough when those who had got there early were killed by a crush of

The Taylor Report silence the old roars for ever and. while St James' Park, Newcas tle, might still resound to a respectable din, the place to get the feeling of another age this season will surely be nearby Roker — while it is still standing.

First Division: Portsmouth 1, Queens Park Rangers 2

Gallen double darkens Venables' door

Trevor Haylett

HE trials and tribulations of Terry Venables might not be confined to the courtroom this autumn. Last night the past caught up with the former England coach again when QPR, one of his former clubs, ruined his first League game at Fratton Park since his return to the

Portsmouth's new director of football has seen his side stay pointless after two games. They deserved more from this after their young substitute Sammy Igoe fired Pompey's three-man defence

to immediately grab his second of the night injured in the act of scoring, Gallen was carried off on a stretcher.
Portsmouth should have made more use of their at-

tacking pace in a lively first half. Although Deon Burton was operating as a lone striker — shades of the Christmas Tree formation he was quickly augmented by Jimmy Carter and Paul Hall, neither of whom lack speed. But it was Rangers who went ahead with a goal on

from Everton, helped launch a move which saw Gallen execute a swift 1-2 with Simon Barker. After his first shot had come back off Guy Butters, the Young England striker was on hand to prod

gave Portsmouth the space for a series of high-speed counters. Carter, who began his career at Loftus Road, managed two chances and

In an equaliser with 15 min as a shade too adventurous. other former Ranger, gianced where she was led away. All utes left only for Kevin Gallen Matthew Jackson, on loan too high. Pompey resumed at speed as a loose ball fell to Fitzroy

Rangers, sparked by Ray Wilkins' prompting and Tre-vor Sinclair's cleverness, bad the ball in the net again in the chio only for Andrew Impey's assist to be declared illegal. The Londoners protested Rangers fancied their but they were immediately chances to build on this and distracted, as was everyone

managed not to punish Di-chio's weak header. else, by a female streaker displaying a fine turn of foot. among other things, for Sky's Pertumentin Flahavan: Pethuck, Butters, Russell, Atlen, Awford, McLoughlin, Carter, Pall, Surpoon, Burton, OPth Sonymer, Jackson, McDonald, Yates, Brevott, Sincler, Barker, William, Impey, Darho, Gallen, Savesser, A. Baller, (Sution-to-Lambett), cameras. Two women stew-ards gave chase but she two misses before Alan outsped both to dive head-McLoughlin put in a delicate chip which Martin Allen, and the Rangers' goalmouth from

Celtic wary of bogy side

Petrick Gires

OMMY BURNS has mixed feelings about Kil-marnock. The club gave him his start as a manager and established his credentials for the Parkhead job but inflicted so much damage on his team last season that they cost Celtic the championship.

meant the loss of six points for the Glasgow club, who finished four behind Rangers.

"Nobody has to tell me what happened last year," said Burns on the see of an angers. what happened last year," on the Saturday following defender Gordan Petric will said Burns on the eve of antitheir first match against the play despite a cut eye.

other visit to Rugby Park | Russians, scrambling an un "This is our first opportunity to rectify those mistakes." Celtic's unconvincing form

McStay and Phil O'Donnell.

tidy 1-0 victory. "We really have to guard against that this time," said the manager since the season began two
weeks ago leaves them vulnerable for a hazardous trip
and they continue without
Walter Smith.
One certain Rangers
change is the reappearance of
Paul Gascoigne in midfield.

and they continue without the injured midfielders Paul The England player, recov-McStay and Phil O'Donnell. ered from injury, played 25 The danger to Rangers in minutes as a substitute at the home match against Dun- Dunfermline last week and is dee United may be their own ready to re-establish himself.

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Motor Racing

Sport in brief

Lawrie Smith, who needs to win the final Vauxhall Frontera grand prix of the season to take the Ultra 30 champion-

Cycling After two weeks of trying out the new aerodynamic riding position nicknamed "super-

man" Chris Boardman says he will attempt to break the one-hour distance record in ship, began well yesterday, one-hour distance record in winning the first two races at Manchester next month,

Rugby Union

Roumat backs out on Wales

to captain them against Wales to captain them against wates of the cardiff this afternoon, was forced to tender his apologies because of a back injury.

His replacement had still to the Cardiff hooker. "We

at the prospect of a win bonus of £2,000 a man, on top of a before Christmas, we must £2,000 match fee, for beating start building a confidence in the invitation club side containing a minimum of 11 internationals from nine countries at the Arms Park.

Wales field two new caps in

THE Barbarians found themselves in a state of flux yesterday when the Freuch international lock Olivier Roumat, who was due of a victory today would far any cost results any cost results any cost results and the state of a victory today would far any cost results any cost results and any cost results a outweigh any cash rewards.

be resolved last night but the late disruption will not displease the Welsh players as the squad of 21 lick their lips the squad of 21 lick their lips start of a new season. start of a new season.
"With five internationals

With £50,000 guaranteed to the wing forwards Martyn the Barbarians, the Welsh Williams and Kingsley Jones.

set by Tony Rominger in November 1994.

The team of former champi-

ons maintained their three-point lead over the world's best women with a seventhround draw in the Foxtrot time limit.

St Peter Port in Guernsey, writes William Fotheringham. Challenge Match at the Lon-uvites Bob Fisher. The record of 55.291km was don Hilton. writes Leonard Barden. The 75-year-old ex-world champion Vassily Smyslov outplayed Pia Cramling in a marathon last ing more than 100 moves and seven hours, checkmating in the final few seconds when both players were close to the

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CROFT AND CRAWLEY SUGGEST A SILVER LINING BUT ENGLAND LOSE IMPETUS AGAIN

England v Pakistan: third Test, second day

Saeed puts **Pakistan** in control

Mike Selvey at The Oval

LTHOUGH the forecast for the weather as vari-able as the length and line of an England seamer, the initiative in this match rests firmly with

Heavy overnight rain and a mysterious lack of covering on the Oval square delayed a start until 2.15pm; shortly after three o'clock Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis had finished off the England innings, 305 for three at one stage, for a disappointing 326.

By then John Crawley, 94 overnight, had reached 106 — his maiden Test century and an innings that should have sealed his Test future in the medium term.

If his innings was good, however, it was knocked into a cocked hat in the afternoon when, as the late summer shadows lengthened. Saeed Anwar, a left-hander with the wrists of a master fencer, hit a full toss from Ian Salisbury away to square leg to com-plete his third Test century.

It was a scintillating dis-play of strokeplay and at the close he walked off to the acclaim of his side, having made 116 of Pakistan's 329 for one. With him was liaz Ahmed, who had arrived at the se after Sased and Annir Sohail (46) had put on 106 in 23 overs for the first wicket. He finished having pulled and ade out of a secondpartnership of 123.

England battled hard and can take some heart from the fact that they bowled forcefully — Lewis, for example, bent his back and produced deliveries of real pace - if at times rather ineptly. On a pitch such as this, however, and against willing and capable strokeplayers, there is no margin for error.

Being positive, the words cloud and sliver lining spring to mind over the single wicket that fell. It went to Robert Croft who, in his first

to Cork at short extra cover.
This off-spinner — the first
from Glamorgan to play for
England since Jim McConnon 42 years ago, although Don Shepherd might, with justifi-cation, feel aggrieved that his 2,318 wickets never got him a sniff — appears to have the fast bowler's mentality of that other Croft, of West Indies

Croft has a strong action with a full pivot, not unlike the Australian Tim May, who could spin the ball so hard it shredded his index finger.

But it was Croft's tempera-But it was Croft's tempera-ment that impressed most. From his first ball he was at the batsman like a dog after a rat, barking out his appeals (optimistic, mostly, and probably in Welsh as Merv Kitchen did not appear to understand).

He sent down 16 overs in his first spell for only 42 runs and then added another maiden just before stumps. Pakistan hit 34 boundaries in their innings but Croft con-ceded only four. In these circumstances, and against such opposition, his was a terrific effort.

Scoreboard

J P Crewley b Waqur Younis
I D K Salisbury c inzumam-ui-Han
b Washin Akrani Albani
b Waqar Younis
B D & Croft not out

Total (99.2 overs) 326 Pail of wickets cents 283, 284, 295. Bowling Wasten Airam 32.46-83-2; Wasten Airam 12.46-46-1; Mushang Alvand 27-6-78-2; Anny Evidel 6.1-17.07

Earlier Crawley, who has nerves with reinforcing rods in them, must have begun to wonder if the century that was so tantalisingly close order salf-destructed against Wasim and Waqar.

He had barely unrusted the coreboard with a single to his overnight total when Salisbury, with ambition be-yand his ability, tried to hook Wasim and succeeded only in top-edging the ball on to his right shoulder and in a parabola to first slip. Nor did Cork last. In the following over, having survived a compelling case for leg-before, Cork slashed wildly at Waqar's next bell and was caught

short of his hundred, was fortunate to survive a leg-before shout, this time from Wasim. The ball appeared to possess all the right credentials but B C Cooray shook his head impassively. So when, in the following over, Crawley flicked Wagar through midwicket towards the long square boundary and scam-pered four runs, it was like a burden lifted.

Perhaps this quelled his smotion: no denched list and punching the air; no scowls or snarls; just a wave of the bat, a doff of the belimet and back to business — all rather old-fashioned. So was his dismissal Immediately after he had lambasted Wagar through the offside for his 12th boundary he was beaten by Waqar's pace and the low ounce and bowle

His departure left the stage clear for Mulially to play one of those small No. 11 cameos that delight the crowd but drive the opposition scatty. Through a series of rumbus-tious heaves, assorted swats, a couple of pedigree thumps and one pirouetted pull that almost corkscrewed him to the crease, he contrived, in a dozen balls, to hit 24 of the 31 added with Croft for the last wicket before Wasim's slow full toss flattened his leg stump.

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Running man . . . Asmir Schall sets off for a single in his quickfire 46 that helped Pakistan get off to a flying start CLVE MASON | David Lacey, page 11

Hoddle hit by injury blow

ANCHESTER United were yesterday handed the stiffest possible start in the Champions' League when they were drawn at the cup holders Juventus in their opening Group C match.

Alex Ferguson's side must

also negotiate another "jour-ney to Hell", this time to the Turkish champions Fenerbahce, with the quartet com-pleted by last year's Cup Winners' Cup finalists Rapid Vienna. Two teams go through from the group.

Juventus's strength can be gauged by the fact that they deemed Gianluca Vialli and Fabrizio Ravanelli surplus to requirements this summer. The coach Marcello Lippi added five players to the squad including Zinedine Zidane and Alen Boksic.

"Lippi is an outstanding manager, prohably the best coach in Italy, and he knows exactly what he's doing," said

Ferguson.
"But it's a reasonable draw for us. Obviously it's a tough start, having to play Juventus first when we'll probably have four players out — Phil Neville, Roy Keane, Eric Can-

Neville, Roy Regne, and Car-tona and Andy Cole.
"We won't have our stron-gest side out, so I hope we don't get any other problems with players, but other than that, I think we've a good

United's trip to Turin was the most exciting of the draws for British clubs. Rangers were placed in a tougher proup alongside Ajax, Aux-erre and Grasshoppers

In the Cup Winners' Cup. Liverpool travel to My-Pa 47 in Finland, while in the Uefa Cup Swedish opposition awaits both Newcastle and Aston Villa in the form of Halmstads and Helsingborgs pectively. Arsenal and Celtic travel to Germany to

play Borussia Moenchenglad-bach and Hamburg. At least one British side is guaranteed a place in the next round: Barry Town and Aberdeen have been paired

maybe of 17(A) and 2(B) in changing-room: left turn (6;6)

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Waqar ready to become Welsh for two seasons

Paul Weaver on the paceman with eyes on pastures greener than The Oval

AQAR Younds. said yesterday that they were "very optimistic" of securing his services. "Our impression is that the challenge of coming to Glamorcicket. While wearing a sandwich-hourd that is sandwich-board, that is, and with a price-tag swinging from his neck like an overweight medallion.

The Wilkinson Sword Sniper machine, which measures a bowler's speed, is less than definitive in with such handicaps to achieve around 85mph represents something of a record.

This morning Glamorgan are the favourites to sign him in a two-year deal reportedly worth more than £200,000 and may confirm as much in the next day or two. A number of other counties have also shown an interest, including his former employers Surrey. Michael Fatkin, Glamor-

how much VIv Richards was idolised when he came

Glamorgan's captain Matthew Maynard, former chairman and captain Tony Lewis and cricket chairman Hugh Davies have all spoken to Waqar, whose agent says that terms had been agreed and an announcment was imminent.

There are factors that weigh against Waqar, apart from his wages. One is his age. In the book Waqar is 24, although he now admits to 26. No one wants to sign a player who would then throw away his Grecian 2000, reach for his slippers and announce himself as Methuselah's elder

In a neat inversion of the more usual problem,

another two years' worth of excess before the

money. Worse, the "sale", by falsely propping up

confidence, effectively helped buy the art market

recessionary hurricane of 1990 hit with full force.

here was a genuine picture going for fake

Michael Fatkin, Glamor-gan's cricket secretary, worry. He missed the 1992 Funny, nor do L

Dan Atkinson

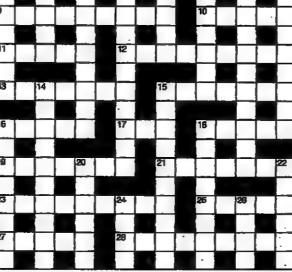
season with a back injury and the knowledge that there are more crocks out there than you can shake a crutch at is a concern for everyone. Shaun Pollock has just left Warwickshire and returned to South Africa for an ankle operation. Derbyshire were be-trayed by Ian Bishop's poor fitness. Hampshire's Win-

ston Benjamin has just limped into retirement. Dion Nash has hobbled out of Lord's and you must remember Carl Rackomann who, shortly after joining Surrey, said angrily: "I'm not injury-prone — I'm injury-plagued."

Come to think of it, many

overseas "stars" seem to come from the Dial-a-Duffer Agency. Everybody remembers Sobers and Hadlee, but other legendeasily to mind. Remember Cuffey, Gray. Bryson and Tazelaar — and that's just Surrey?

Remember Hugh Page Elvis Reifer, Bruce Francis "Spook" Hanley, Corrie van Zyl, Peter Swart?



Solutions include every single item from the motor works (early 20th century, found in 28(B)s); their clues (which are partial), grouped in chronological order, are:— 16sc(A), 17(B), 19(B), 6(B) 26(B), 11(B) 26(B), and 15(B) 2(A); 21(A), 19(A), 8(A), 27(A), 18d(B), and 2(B) 13(B); 5(A) 26(A), 18d(A), 13(A), 24(A) 26(B), 8(B), and 11(A) 17(A) 24(B). Some clues at the same number are run together; the clue to the solution for the left-hand diagram (A) always precedes that for the

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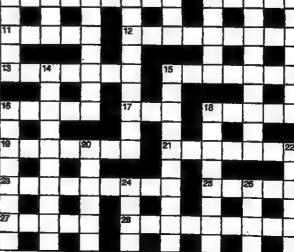
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in to collect a swimmer on the Nile (5; 5) . 27(A) Summit ends (5); (B) Poles are sick of householder (5)

Marine went off and dined to give new life to collection of potential hot 26(B) in any case (9,9)



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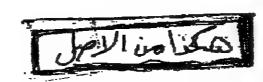
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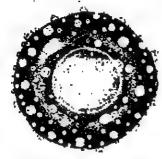
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From summer of love to winter of discontent . . . sixties Woodstock couple; blood samples

Curse of the Woodstock generation



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They have it all good jobs, nice houses, kids. Now their past is coming back to

haunt them in a disease with no cure. SARAH BOSELEY on the delayed shock of hepatitis C

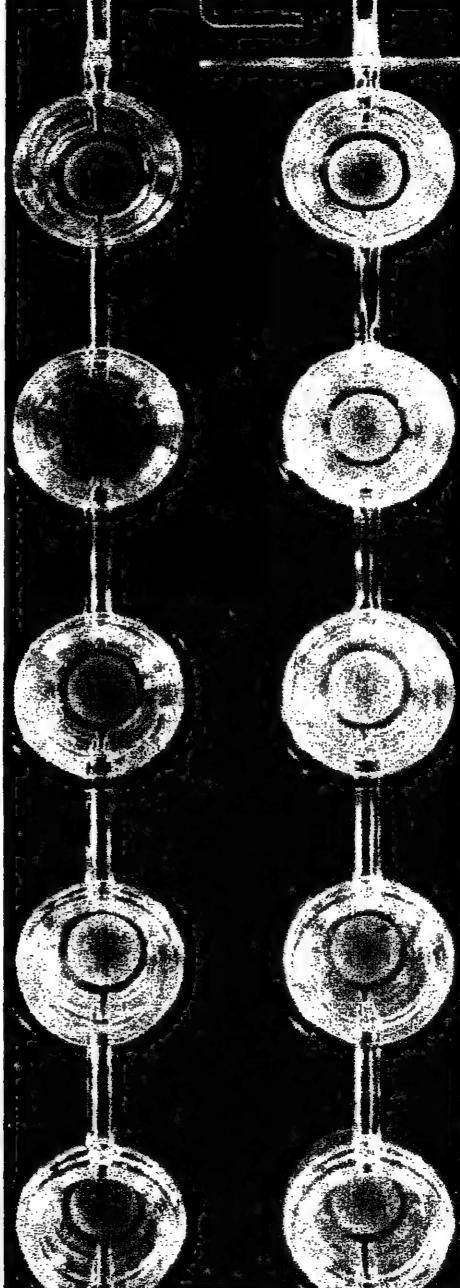
VERYBODY has done things they'd like to forget. Embarraseing things, illegal things or crazy things that were fun at the time but seem pretty gross looking back. Most of us can file them in a dusty corner of the memory and walk away. But there are dons in their libraries, lawyers in chambers and businessmen in boardrooms whose past is coming back to revisit them in a most horrible way.

The Woodstock generation, one doctor called them. Twenty or more years ago, when life was wilder and the sky more blue, they switched off, turned on and freaked out. Then one hazy day, sprawled in a student bedsit or lying beneath the clouds at a heaving rock gig, someone handed them a needle and they stuck it

It may only have happened once, but they picked up an infection that can be as viru-lent as HIV. Decades later, these cleaned-up, respectable citizens are suffering from hepatitis C, a slowly progressing liver disease for which there is little treatment and no cure. It can lead to cirrhosis of the liver and cancer. Some have

died.
"We have had all sorts of people contact us about it." said Roger Holmes of the West Sussex drug advisory service, cant study on the prevalence of the infection. "People who did stuff in the sixties, classically once at a party, and they are now university dons and law-yers and all sorts." Up to half a million people have hepatitis C in this country. Most of them don't know it. Those who do are not letting on. They've got good lives now, careers and children. Admitting to hepati-tis C means letting out that small dark secret, for most people with the virus got it from intravenous drug use. "What happens is that you

suddenly find your past catch ing up with you," said a sys-tems analyst who was diagnosed in 1993, "It is a very



obering kind of thought. The emotions that come up are anger and shame. Ideally, one would not want to be bound up with past indiscrations and experimentation. Ideally, one ould like to have forgotten all that as unimportant." Instead, it changed your world. Statistics this month

showed young people's drug use soaring. If they were not warned about the dangers of their behaviour, we would be-fore long be talking about the Oasis generation as well. What needs to be broadcast

from the rooftops, and yet is not even being said by all the drug advisory services, is that even those who do not share needles are at risk. A timy speck of dried blood, invisible to the naked eye, can remain infectious for three months. Sharing filters or spoons can give you hepatitis C. In the States, they are beginning to think you can get it through snorting cocaine through a rolled-up dollar bill — because of specks of blood from damaged nasal membranes. The Department of Health here says there are risks in tattoo-ing and possibly electrolysis, ear-piercing and acupuncture Sexual transmission occurs,

the few experts in the field of this virus, which was discovered in 1989, say the health services are not gearing up fast enough. The only conventional reatment available is alphainterferon, which is very expensive. Some health authorities will not pay for it because the relapse rate is high. Many GPs know too little about hepatitis C to spot it in the first

place. Nor do the patients for many years, because there may be no symptoms until the liver is dis-eased. But the commonest first complaint is of total and exhaustion. It hit Claire, 36, who lives in Bath,

after the birth of her first child. "I experienced terrible exhaustion, head-aches, muscle pain, inger, anxiety and insomnia," she said. "Because I had a couple of children, both

caesarians, and operations afterwards, I and the doctors tended to put it down to other She got no better. "I felt auch terrible malatse that I woo-dered if it was linked with de-

pression from not working any

more and being home with two small children." Then she began to get pains in her stom-ach and intolerable beautables. She was diagnosed as hav-ing hepatitis C in January of last year. "I was horrified. There was no good news. To be told you have got something which could potentially give you cancer of the liver and that you might go on feeling as you do for ever — that it is virtu-ally incurable."

She was married, with a girl of six and a boy of three, and she had inadvertently visited her past on all of them. "I used to take amphetamines when I was in my early twenties. I al-ways worked full-time in an office. I was a weekend usermostly speed in a powder which was easily dissolved.

"I got in with a group of people and I fought and fought not to become involved in it, and finally peer group pres-sure won. The first time I used somebody else's needle. After-wards I didn't share needles —

"I'd given all that up and completely changed my life. I married somebody who never used drugs. Suddenly I found my life was being destroyed by this disease — something from the past. It was horrible. It is an ongoing guilt thing, feeling really bad about what my past actions have put on my family. It's been very tough on my

thing he had to do. At first he was terribly angry with me. There was a lot of tension about that."

To her enormous relief, the children tested negative. She was advised not to tell their school she had hepatitis C, for fear of a needless scare over the children, but she went through hell, she says, because she could not explain why her daughter was constantly late and without her dinner money.

With her children she was tired, up and down, unable to finish tasks and sometimes bedridden. Like an increasing number of sufferers, she took Chinese traditional medicine — acupuncture and herbs — for some months before abe was prescribed interferon. She has been on it for a year and ust been advised to stick with it for six more months. Simon, who also lives in the West Country, has been less lucky. His health authority will not fund interferon treat-

beginning to show that the results are better the earlier you take it. Not that the results are that wonderful for anyone. Half of those treated for six months relapse. The rest are in emission. He has been advised to eat a good diet and rest. It's not easy

He runs his own business, in-stalling stage lighting for shows and exhibitions. He also has three small children — a girl of five and two boys, aged two and six months. "The last few weeks I've only been able to manage a day to a day-and-a-half's work," he said.

Simon knows how he contracted hepatitis C. "I cleaned up in 1984. I'd been a registered

Up to half a million have Hepatitis C in the UK. Most of them don't know it. Those who do are not letting on

> addict from the age of 17 to 25. It didn't take me long to make a complete mess of my life. But I cleaned up completely. I want to college and trained to becomo un electrician and started my own business. After I'd been clean for five years, I got married." He has told his immediate family but

no one else. Peter de Havilland, a com poser of classical music and producer in the pop business who was once Boy George's writing partner in the Culture Club days, has been open about his infection. It didn't come from drugs, although in his business he knows people who have got it that way. There's a lot of hepatitis C in west London, he said, particularly among those who were wealthy kids from good fam-

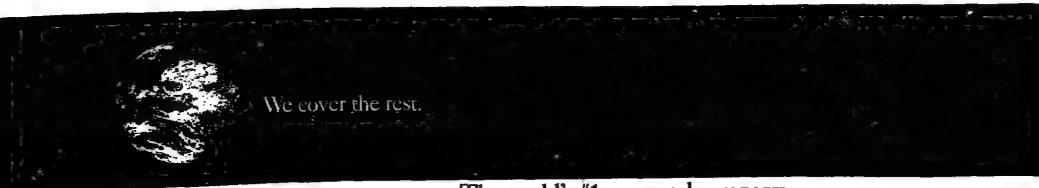
flies in the seventies. "There were a lot of disen-franchised middle-class children caught up in changing attitudes towards class with a little too much money and no ambitions. They found the place they had enjoyed in society was no longer there. They got into heroin."

But not de Havilland, He picked up hepatitis C from a blood transfusion when he was nine. He did not know it until

last year. Talented, fit — he made the Talented, IT — he made the Junior Olympics swimming learn in 1975 — and only 34, he should have everything going for him. Yet 10 days in the last 12 have seen his lean 6ft 3 in frame collapsed in bed. He has muscle wastage — he's lost over a stone. You get a big dose of the virus from a blood transfusion. His entire liver is cirrhotic.

"I feel very tired all the

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Blackest farce in Moscow

HE CHECHEN PROBLEM is also the Yeltsin problem. Whether the ceasefire organised by Alexander Lebed lasts for any length of time may depend in the short term upon the Russian army commanders in the field. But the confusion of command and the lack of clear orders is the responsibility of the

Mr Yeltsin earned some relatively [avourable reviews on Thursday by appearing less wooden than before and cracking the odd joke. Yet the real question is what he thought he was doing by sniping at the authority of Mr Lebed. Mr Yeltsin's comment, that the results of his security chief's work in Chechenia were "not yet obvious", was banal and meaningless. Yesterday Izvestiya speculated that Mr Yeltsin might simply be out of touch with what Mr Lebed was trying to do. This would not be surprising. Mr Yeltsin had apparently spent the previ-ous two days on a brief lakeland vacation in north-western Russia - inspecting the facilities before deciding whether to take a longer vacation there. Whatever his physical health may be he seems at least semi-detached from reality. Chechenia is not one local crisis too many for the rest of the world to be worrying about. It is a human tragedy of huge proportions in its own right, with more than 30,000 people, mostly civilians, killed and hundreds of thousands displaced or living in fear and uncertainty. It is also a war which corrodes and corrupts whatever chance there may be of sane politics emerging in Moscow. It is a measure of popular alienation with the government that virtually no one is in favour of the war, yet no one bothers to demonstrate against it. The letter sent this week by President Clinton to Mr Yeltsin, urging him to pursue a negotiated settlement. was an important initiative which should be matched by similar approaches from the EU and individual European countries. Such approaches should be copied to Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, who appears to have retreated into his office to brood about the economy, with the warning that financial support for Russia will be in jeopardy unless the war ends.

If Mr Lebed manages to see Mr Yeltsin and secure his approval for the ceasefire plan, then immediate steps have to be taken to put the military forces on a shorter leash. Mr Lebed has not helped by his earlier provocative remarks questioning their competence. The answer is not to invest all authority in one supremo, but to bring all the strands of command into a working relationship again a job for the president or his prime minister. There are several layers of ambiguity here. One is the division between the forces of the hawkish interior ministry and those of the army. (This reflects a larger problem — the subject yesterday of public complaint by the defence minister Igor Rodionov — of divided authority, and competition for budgets, between the armed forces and troops controlled by half a dozen other ministries or government services. Another is the weak line of command between the commanders in Chechenia and their superiors in Moscow, which earlier this week allowed the acting commander General Pulikovsky to issue an ultimatum while both his boss and the defence minister were on holiday. The general was acting on the basic of a presidential order signed, according to Mr Lebed, with a facsimile signature. Mr Lebed's claim was then denied by Mr Yeltsin's office - in an unsigned statement! This is the blackest sort of farce.

While seeking urgently to bring the military under control, a peace plan for Chechenia which provides at least for full autonomy has to be worked out. The details are important — and not easy — but the precondition for any such effort to be made will be the withdrawal of Russian forces from Grozny, and as far as possible from Chechenia as whole.

Mr Lebed's original elevation, as the price for buying his supporters' secondround support for Mr Yeltsin in the presidential campaign, was a worrying move. But now he is the only person trying to do anything constructive. Mr Yeltsin's casual behaviour, and the military bickering, is even more worrying. No wonder that some commentators in Moscow are beginning to sniff the air for the omens of a new coup.

Through the gateway

SOMETHING about John Birt puts one in mind of a great Victorian explorer: hacking on with pith-helmeted zeal in the face of trials which would have lesser men packing for home, utterly sure of his mission, singing about his work even while tigers prowl and alligators snap. Last night in Edinburgh, before an audience which seemed certain to be infected with dissidence, he wasted no more than a sentence on worries about the World Service, the erosion of the old radio/TV division or the profound implications of the producer/ broadcaster split. The Jeremiahs, he said, had been wrong again. "We", the director-general declared, "are a BBC on

Mr Birt has learned to live in the future, for which orthodox maps are now useless: a future he halled as full of vast opportunities for an on-song BBC. But also a world full of hazards: the toughest being the issue of who in a time of unprecedented competition for audience attention should control "the gateway into the home in the digital age". What would happen when we switched on? Would BBC1 surface automatically, as it does now? Or would powerful commercial forces be first in the frame, marginalising the public provider? "The battle for control of this gateway, and a share of the enormous economic value passing through [it]," he said, "will be one of the

great business battles shaping the next century." The name Rupert Murdoch did not occur in this passage. It didn't need ST. A.S.

The first in the field has no special rights in such battles. So how can the BBC survive? Not, on Mr Birt's analysis, through constant heavy intervention and regulation: "the way forward is not to stop anything." Partly, he suggested, it would need an alertness which a complacent BBC had failed to muster against the first Murdoch assault. But his is also an argument for Big broadcasting - for the BBC to stay centre-stage, not to give up and retreat only into those areas the market will not provide.

And so in the end his 21st century adventure came back to that oldest of remedies (but one which the BBC has not dared suggest for a decade) - a higher licence fee. It has yet to be shown — after long and assiduous searching - that any other solution at present on offer would effectively buttress and guarantee a prime place for national culture in broadcasting. Mr Birt's carefully constructed argument is that in terms of modernisation and efficiency (the proof he offers is the internal criticism he has had to take) he has earned the right to make this demand. But when everything, on his own analysis, is so utterly changed, when diversity rules, this case may take some sustaining. If you were starting from here, would you invent anything like the BBC? That's a question not only market-minded Tories are asking: it's being asked, as he has every reason to know, in the highest reaches of the alternative government too.



Hands across the seas

Anger over immigration flares again in Paris: MARTIN WOOLLACOTT examines the continuing problem of state versus human rights. Illustration by PETER TILL

N THE one hand, the state and its prerogatives, the bility, the citizen and his rights properly elevated above those of outsiders, the nation guarding its strike On the other, the lucky, of children who do not vet know the meaning of the word "France" — let alone th answer to the question of whether they are part of France or not, and the spectacle of people dragged away

The police assault on the church of Saint-Bernard in Paris is symptomatic of the time of troubles over immigra tion which both Europe and

America are now entering. These are a result both of real pressures from migrants and of the less than coherent, less than kind, response of govern ments and peoples to those pressures. The presentation of immigration as a problem divorced from all the forces which create it is one aspect o that response. The use of im-migrants as scapegoats and as symbols is another, often

eclipsing reality. The very idea of a "solution" to immigration is in it-self unreliable, since the movement of people is, and al-ways has been, part of the in-tricate, shifting balance of the globe as its zones of safety. prosperity, and cultural energy expand and contract and its means of mobility evolve. In a

much, much more equal world, migration flows might diminish: that is about all that can be said. Such a world is far away, and, meanwhile, solu-tions can only be temporary, ad hoc compromises. Yet, it migrants have always moved, governments have always tried to control them. Free movement is far from realised even within the national boundaries of democracies, where it is controlled by invisible barriers of property and money. Elsewhere the constraints are even more serious, not so much now to the people to where they were born but to force them to move from those places to others

want to go. Frequently, the immigra-tion we see in the West from the poorer countries is the second or third stage of such a dislocation. It is a process which will, for instance, take a Kurd in south-eastern Turkey from his ancestral village to the outskirts of a Turkish town, then to a big city in east-ern Turkey, and finally to a street in Berlin or Bremen.

vhere they do not particularly

where others of that same vilage have built a bridgehead Or it can transport a Banglaeshi peasant from his fields to the hutments of New Delhi where perhaps half a million of that nation live, supplying cheap domestic and other labour to the Indian middle classes, while his "luckier" cousin makes it to Brick Lane Control of immigration ought not to be a dirty word. The Kurd has no inalienable

right to go to Berlin, just as the man from Mali, where most of the Saint-Bernard immigrant come from, has no assured place in Paris. Yet immigration control has become such a field of hypocrisy, of political gesturing, of identity manipu-lation, that it is hard to discuss in the careful terms it de-serves. Frequently, immigration control is not so much a means of excluding the immigrant — although it does that, and often brutally — as a means of signalling to the poorer and more marginal cit-izen that he is still included and that society still cares for him. One marginal group is punished, in other words, to

make other, slightly less marrinal, groups feel better. Increasingly, governments want to be seen to act against illegal immigration, to limit legal immigration, and to nar row asylum rules. France has deported 14,000 in the past 14 months and is believed to have plans to deport up to 20,000 illegal immigrants a year in charter planes, as it tightens the already tough leg-islation introduced by Charles

Pasqua in 1993. Spain, after signing the Schengen agree-ment, offered residence to ille gal immigrants presently in Spain as a prelude to harsher treatment for those who will come in the future. Recent Spanish deportations have featured tied hands, gags and tranquillisers. In Britain, Joy Gardner's death last year dramatised the costs of sharpen-ing an admittedly slack regime. Even Holland has been criticised for "inhuman detention measures for illegal immigrants, while in Norway an anti-immigrant party over-night became the third bigges

Reflecting the preoccupations of EU governments, Eur-opol has said that "organised illegal immigration" is its pri-ority. In the United States, too, the target is what a recent offi-cial report called the "grow-ing trade in human cargo". Under its new immigration bill, the United States has streamlined deportation, in-

creased the Rio Grande borde patrols, and persuaded some firms to introduce computerised checking of employees.

The idea that immigration no longer fulfils historic functions of cultural mixing and stimulation and of providing a rapid flow of labour to economically dynamic areas has

played a part in these develop-ments. Both functions, the argument goes, can now be car-ried out by other transfers. In an intellectually integrated world, the ideas can move without the people. Similarly, most work of the rougher varety can now move to the ety can now move to the people rather than the people to the work. Business does not yet fully subscribe to this view, seeming to want both cheap labour abroad and the cheaper labour at bome that immigration helps bring

For the committed Christian and for certain kinds of anti-racist liberal, the ques-Such people begin at the point of trouble, in a particular place, with particular individuals, not at some strategic height where inflows and outflows of people are calculated as if they were water flowing through pipes or up against dams. For them, it is a question of basing action on the right attitude, which is to offer help to people in despair. Never mind that the next group to protest may be de-ported. Never mind numbers, jobs, laws, and never mind, too, that among victims are often to be found a proportion

of disreputable or unplessant Governments rarely follow such emotional logic, but atti-tude here is also the moral key. Any policy that arises no from necessity but from the impulse to make political theatre, must be by definition wrong. These are not second-ary matters. Migration, within and between nations, made the modern world what it is, and modernisation im-

plies, and has insisted on, migration. Anybody who imagines that they and their families have not been part of this process fails to understand history. Mi-gration is a dangerous adventure, for which a price is al-ways paid, even by the luckies and most successful. It is, as Oscar Handlin said in the second edition of his great study of American immigration, The Uprooted, "an epic story. At the time of writing there was a possibility that it, like other epics, would have a tragic conclusion . . . there is still a possibility that it might

A new spin on PM's paranoia

Rattling the bars



MID all the furore well all right then, the modest controversy— over the recent television programme purporting to reveal the true reason for Harold Wilson's resignation from the premiership, one name was unaccountably Trom the cast ust Joe Haines — not so much Wilson's spin doctor as his mad axeman — headed the list, and settled a few old scores in characteristic style. Marcia Williams, aka Lady Falkender, seems to have

een one of the scores Joe was settling, because her rare ap-pearences invariably showed her scowling horribly. Former cabinet secretary John Hunt got the star slot, thanks to his cheerful confirmation that some MI5 spooks really had been out to get Wilson.

But there wasn't even a men-tion of the spookiest of all Wil-This individual was the late Colonel George Wigg, some-time Labour MP for Dudley and later a peer of the realm. The on was distinctly odd, since the good colonel was Wil-son's self-appointed adviser on security matters, and daily filled his ear with all kinds of

convoluted poison masquerad-ing as intelligence.
George Wigg's political career finally hit the buffers after a bizarre personal scandal. But in his day he was a major power in the land. It was he who destroyed Jack Profumo as Macmillan's war minister, exposing the Chris-tine Keeler affair in an act of personal vengeance which stemmed from his conviction that Profumo had lied to him in the Commons.

As a backbencher, he used to patrol the members' lobby seeking journalists on whom to plant his often dodgy stories. Sorting out the reality from the fantasy was difficult because Wigg always talked in riddles, backing up his nudges and winks with the catchphrase: "Bullshit baffles brains",

So devious was he that he once unloaded a dicy yarn on to a Daily Mail reporter, only to raise the story as a breach of privilege the next day. The luckless Mailman was debarred by the lobby's masonic rules of secrecy from reveal-ing that Wigg himself was his source — something Wigg knew all along.

Yet this was the man Wilson appointed as his Paymaster-General in 1964. The job, which involved unique access to the prime minister, was the colonel's reward for having (according to Wigg) "master-minded" Wilson's campaign for the leadership against

George Brown in 1968. I thought at the time that Wigg's menacing brand of electioneering did Wilson more harm than good. But his recruitment to the No 10 team was a disaster. He stoked up Wilson's anxiety about plots with an endless supply of rumour and innuendo, some about perfectly innocent colleagues. Compared to him, Peter Mandelson is a babe in

SPEAKING of Peter Mandelson, pulses in Fleet Street's royal rat pack must have quickened at the Guardian's uggestion that Queen could do worse than take him on as HM spin doctor. But if that seemed a novel idea. I recom-mend a glance at the current issue of History Today, which contains an erudite survey of royal spin doctoring down the

ages by Ray Boston. We soon learn that that there is nothing new about it. Even Dr Johnson turns out to have been a doctor of spin as well as a D Lit, earning £300 a year for bowling verbal goog-lies for not one but two

Georges. But Mr Boston's best discovery is the existence of one Joseph Doane, a shadowy figure appointed by Pitt in 1804 to put a favourable spin on the King's supposed madness. He bore the title of Reporter to the Press, and later of Court Newsman, and his activities moved the King to say that the

press was being "remarkably well managed" at last. Mr Major might therefore care to study how Pitt's gov-ernment managed to get Fleet Street to pay most of Doane's substantial salary of 2512.7s. The charge to the royal purse was just £63.17s, for which modest outlay they secured the loyal support of the Times. This was, of course, before Rupert Murdoch became proprietor of that fine newspaper. Happy days.

Smallweed



HE circumstances of the death of the composer Anton von Webern are fairly well known. In the autumn of burg with his daughter and son-in-law. The Americans. suspecting the son-in-law of black market activities, sent men to arrest him. One of them bumped into Webern, who had gone outside for a smoke, and shot the composer dead. What I didn't realise until

the other day was that the

Americans made a practice of these things. An obituary of the eccentric conductor Sergiu Celibidache revealed that he only got his job as conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic in 1945 because the original appointee was shot by an American soldier after he failed to stop at a sentry point. This leaves Smallweed feeling uneasy. I there were two such fatalities, can we be sure that there wasn't a third? Do we know as much as we should. for example, about the death of Mascagni, composer of Cavalleria Rusticana and a number of less successful concactions? Or the deaths of Alessandro Longo, Italian

pianist and composer, and Gino Marinuzzi, ditto: or of the great Irish tenor, Count John McCormack? All of whom, significantly, you may think, died in 1945.

ENTION of Count McCormack leads me to a second mystery. In yesterday's Guardian, various celebrities were asked to name the music they would like to have played at their funerals. Terry Major-Ball, brother to the Prime Minister, selected two items: the Happy Wanderer, and I'll Take You Home Kathleen, in the version by Josef Locke. "My father used to say it was the only song written about Ire-land by an Irish person," he

This seems a quite extraordinary statement. Who wrote Danny Boy? (Anon, I suspect, but Anon may well have been Irish.) Or The Rose Of Tralee? There surely

must have been others in Locke's locker, and certainly in the repertoire of the Count, who held nationalist views. Initially a star of the operatic stage — he made his debut in Savona under the sonbriquet Giovanni Poli he later developed a taste for items of musical kitsch, so much so that Grove mournfully says of him: "He devoted his extraordinary and unimpaired gifts too largely to sentimental and popular ditties, not to be lists with patience by critics or with enjoyment by true music-lovers." Smallweed appeals to his readers. usic-lovers included, to hunt out their old 78s and test the truth of this curious

IS last words were: "Good on-drive, Stewart" as England's opening batsman powered his way to a century in the second test against Pakistan

-Times obituary of Alfred Doulton, headmaster of Highgate School 1955-74.

in the country in local elec-

tions last September.

HE previously unpub lished works by T S Eliot, one of which wa quoted on the front of this clearly vary in quality, but in Smallweed's view they suc-ceed in refuting (in the sense of overthrowing, not just of rebutting) a characteristi-cally reactionary opinion of Alexander Pope.

Eliot came very close to doing this in the verse printed on page one, at the point where the cook ex-plains what she thought the jolly tinker with the extraor dinary whanger was plan-ning to do to the assembled company. This line was marred, however, by the presence of the duosyllablic word "gona" (demotic, I guess, for "going to") and one had to turn inside to see the job done properly. Here,

long before the final version was published, Rliot had penned this line for Prufrock: "To spit out all the buttends of my days and ways." This confounds the rule laid down by Pope in his Essay On Criticism against the repeated use of single-syllable words, a practice which he parodies in the

line: "And ten low words oft creep in one dull line." Eliot's 12-monosyllable line about spit may be bleak, but it certainly isn't dull. The line about the whanger isn't dull either.

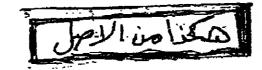
Incidentally, Chambers Dictionary has written pointing out that it doesn't, as I alleged, equate "imply" with "infer": it merely says that others do so (ie, it's colloquial usage). It also recommends me to study its extensive coverage of refute and rebut, which I will, when my money pig is full enough to enable me to pay for its

Sachild, my father told me.."—the former TV celebrity Katie Boyle, in one of those pieces where people maunder on about their health which now take up so much of the Daily Mail.

IKE the dog in the Sherlock Holmes story that failed to bark in the night, a pundit writes of the risis in Chechenia, the failure of the Russian army to assert its influence requires some explanation. What also requires some explanation is why people who write in newspapers so often fall back on this dog. As in, for example, this: "As far as theatre goes, this year's Edinburgh Festival is likely to be remembered as the one at which the dog didn't bark." Or this: "When the history of the so-called Beef War with Europe comes to be written, the point to which

most attention may well be directed is the curious incident of the dog that didn't bark. This dog is, of course, the Leader of the Opposition — the man who has said that he 'would never allow this country to be isolated in Europe'."The financial pages, for reasons I can't understand, are especially guilty, using this backneyed old formula to pep up pieces on the future of accountancy. This dog is dog tired. It is time it stopped not barking so often. Perhaps we should put it down.

RE last two opinion polls have shown Labour's lead over the Tories going up, not down. since they launched their new campaign against Tony Blair. Could it be that Chair-man Maowhinney has discovered the secret which Waqar Younis possesses and our own quick bowlers do not: reverse swing?



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David Guterson got up before dawn for seven years to write a book no one would publish. Now it's a huge bestseller

The Guardian Saturdat August 21 1905

Dreams but little sleep in Seattle



HEN David was offered \$15,000 for his first decided to reject it on the grounds that he was sure he could get more. After all, he had spent the previous seven years getting up early and writing before going off to teach at the local high school and he *knen* it was worth more than that. Besides, it wasn't as if he was holding out for millions, he just wanted enough to be able to give up his \$25,000 teaching job and write full-time. So his agent baceed up more manu-

rejection slips.
"He'd ring up and say: Tm sorry David, they don't want it.' I'd ask him why not, and he'd shrug and say, They just don't like it, they don't think it works.' "So eventually Guterson was forced to ring up Harcourt Brace and say he'd reconsidered. He wanted very much to accept their offer

scripts and sent them out.

They all came back with

of \$15,000.
"It just goes to show how
little they know," he says
incredulously, heading off for
the breakfast buffet of his London hotel. "They can't tell, they really can't. That's their job — to be able to tell — and

they can't." Since its publication 18 months ago, Snow Falling On Cedars (marketed as a "Nordic thriller" even though Guterson is American and the book is set in the Pacific northwest) has sold more than 2 million copies. Armed only with good reviews, British booksellers have already offloaded half a million copies since it came out here last year. "It's without parallel." says Liz Calder, head of Bloomsbury. "In my experi-ence of publishing literary fiction, this is absolutely the only time something has gone

whoosh like this." "Ugh, that looks gross, dad," grumbles Taylor Guterson, as his father returns bearing a bowl of Bircher Muesil, you know, the sort which looks as if it's already

been pre-chewed in the kitchen by a Swiss chef. "Try this," says David, pushing a blueberry muffin in Taylor's direction. "Ugh, what is it?" hisses Taylor, fingering the roll in disgust, before pushing it back across the table and announcing he'd prefer "Rice Krispies with lots

of sugar".
"Yeah, two million copies
and it's been translated into m languages," says Guterson, as Taylor puts down his spoon and lifts the bowl of Rice Krispie straight to his mouth.
"Careful, Taylor," mutters his
dad, in that special parental
tone designed to avoid a scene.
Taylor, who I assumed to be about 12, turns out to be 15, and like his three siblings has been educated at home. more of which later. The waiter, who has been observing us, quietly spirits the bowl away.

sulkily. So the book came out, whooshed up the bestseller lists and Guterson gave up the teaching job. Otherwise, he says, life goes on much as be-fore. They are still renting the same house on the beautiful, if cold, Puget Island, half an hour's ferry ride from Seattle, for \$325 a month. How much? You should see the house he says, smiling. "The heat is just firewood we cut our-

"I'm going upstairs to write

postcards," announces Taylor

selves. We get our eggs from the neighbour." Uh oh, he's beginning to sound like Aunt Murills from Anne Of Green Gables. "You can live simply and cheaply, which is what we did until the novel hit," he adds. Hey, you know the

Groucho Club?" I nod, about to confess more than a passing acquaintance with London's citadel of literary and journal-istic gossip, when he inter-rupts. "God!" he cries and starts laughing. "We stayed there for our first night and it was full of these awful people having the most pompous con-versations about books! There was a man yelling at a woman about a movie! I had to ask our somewhere more English."

Oh dear, I promptly find myself wanting to ask a very Groucho Club question. Just how much money has he made from Snow Falling? "About 40 cents a book. Put it this way, we bought some property and we're building a house. And I can get up a bit later. I used to get up a coupla hours before the family to write.'

What time was that then, I ask, about 5am?
"I would get up at 4.30am,"



A one-beer, one-woman kind of guy . . . Guterson with his son, Taylor, whom he teaches at home PHOTOGRAPH MARTIN ARGLES

tion that Guterson has always wanted to write. Wrong. His interest developed only at university where he stumble on a creative writing course in between marine biology and oceanology. He realised he iked it because he kept on writing short stories long after the course had fluished

"I saw you had to be very disciplined person. You have to be able to sit on your own for a long time. And I felt this was the right thing for me." But how easy is sitting on your own for long periods when you have four kids? "My natural inclination is not antisocial but it's very pleasurable for me to sit in my study with the door shut. A lot of people have to get up and walk away. I don't feel that way, it's pleasurable."

pleasurable."
It is pleasurable, too, talking to Guterson in Brown's Hotel, Piccadilly. Delightfully impretentious, he's charming and relaxed, which he attributes to hiking for the last week with Taylor in the Dolomites, on a research trip for his new novel. I am not sure, however, why this son of a defence attorney, who topped defence attorney, who topped his degree at the University of Washington with further studies at the Ivy League col-lege of Brown, should try so hard to convince of his unso-

following: "I like a beer with my supper, but when we were in Italy I falt as if we should order some wine. So on our first night in the hotel we ordered a bottle and had a little glass each, but we didn't really care for it. The next night they brought us out the same bottle with a cork in it.

and we only finished it on our

HY does he so unworldly layered elegiac thriller, is anything but? I'm suspicious. Can he be as wholesome as he

"I go through periods when I'm doubting what I'm doing and thinking about giving it up, and it makes me preoccu-pied and morose. I would admit to being selfish, I can't help it. I'm pretty insistent, but I think I'm a good family man. There's other things you

have to give up." Such as? "I don't have any social life," he says, adding hastily, "nor do I want one. I don't waste any time sitting around with friends drinking and talking." That sounds a bit pious.

Normally people who say

friends. Does Guterson have friends? "Yeah, my kids! We go walking and fishing and

hunting, it's great."

They also go "home-schooling" with Guterson and his wife Robyn, a speech therapist "who hasn't worked outside the home since the children speech bears". Homechildren were born". Homeschooling, he insists, is not as mcommon in America as it is here. "It's part of the fundamental notion of individual

Even so, how can parents nanage the whole curriculum

between them? "Teaching in schools is inherently flawed," he claims "Education is at its best when it's not institutionalised." So what would a typical day be like at l'Ecole Guterson?

"There would be days where they wouldn't do very much, then one of them would say, 'Oh, look up at the stars.' Now, in a non-home-schooling family a parent would say, Well we can talk a little bit about that right now,' but down the road someone else is responsible for teaching them about it.

"In a home-school we would say, 'Hey, the kid is interested, let's stay with this as long as he's interested.' So you buy a telescope, and you have the educational process of putting

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a lens, why do we see the moon at night? What is light? You get some books or get on the internet and have a chat with astronomers. The great thing is you learn, too, and it's so

much better learning about it after dinner than just putting on the television and staring at it." But don't children need to socialise with each other? "The kinds of socialisation they have at school is not all that healthy, it can be neurotic. Schools can be sinis ter places, with constant com-

petition, social, academic, ath-letic." "So can families, I murmur," though he doesn't "I don't like the term homeschools," he continues, al-though he wrote a book using the term in the title. "I think education in the world is bet-ter, spending all day with all ages, not cloistered with people of your own age. We like to put the old people in one place and the young people in another place."

At this point Taylor reemerges, postcards written. Did he like being homeschooled? "Parts," he grunts. Which parts? "Like not hav-

ing to get up early?'
Has he read his dad's book yet? "I tried but then I quit. Dad, can I be in the photo?"

Get out of my way - or I'll honk my horn even louder

Driving on India's | loud, louder, loudest. For a roads is not for the faint-hearted. SUZANNE GOLDENBERG tells how she

toughened up

HE first moments are sheer terror. Apply key to ignition, and the low hum of unease in the pit of your stomach lurches violently, threat-ening to develop into a full-scale shriek before you reach the corner.

Most people find the idea of driving in Delhi over-whelming: a lawless snarl of cars, auto-rickshaws, buses, hand-carts and motorcyles, all fighting as if their drivers' lives depended on advancing one inch farther down the road than the motorists along-

side them. The cows that are only palely visible in the moon-lit night on a dark stretch of road, the unmarked speed bumps, the bewil-dered villager standing stock-still in a swirl of vehicles — these are the stuff fatal accidents are made of

That's why those who could afford it generally hired a driver. and few women dared to take to the wheel. But now it's not uncommon to see women slaloming through stalled traffic on motor hunched with fatigue over the

steering wheel. Not that they are universally tolerated. On the plains of north India, where machismo rules, why should any son of the soil tolerate a woman in a car, let alone a female driving a faster and flashier vehi-cle than his? Pity the man who has

has deprived him of his birthright.

The automobile became worthy of India's affection a decade ago. Until the early 1980s, cars hrnadly came in two types: the Padmini Premier, a copy of a 1950s Fiat, and the

capacious Ambassador. Then the Maruti arrived an Indian-assembled Suzuki launched as the people's car: it is reliable and cheap. Jeep-like vehi-cles followed: of varying size and heartiness for Indians to rediscover their roots on rough country roads. As nineties consum-erist culture took hold, the executive car appeared: a Korean sedan for the upper classes, a Mercedes for the seriously rich.

Nowhere is as car-crazy as New Delhi, where lead emission levels have doubled over the past eight years, and where 2.6 milion vehicles — more than Calcutta, Madras and Bombay have combined — have created a cacophonous and smoky hell.

I drive a Gypsy four-wheel drive, now considered slightly déclasse, possibly because its counterpart has been with-drawn from the American market for failing safety standards.

Mine is outfitted with a robust wooden steering wheel, an outrageously suggestive gear shift and -best of all — an amplification switch for the horn:

moderately conscientious motorist, death is every-where. It beckons from the bus letting off people in the middle of the road, forcing commuters to run at full tilt to the safety of the kerb. It waves a cheery bello along with the posse of children riding with their legs dangling out of the open backhatch of a Maruti.

It turns full-scale predator in the form of the male motorist, who exhibits var ious responses to the sight of a female driver. He may flash his high beams, swerve across the lane with death-defying noncha-lance, or leer from behind the steering wheel at a red light — if by some freak of nature he observes the traf-tic signals, Honking comes as naturally to him as

breathing.
If he is piloting a bus or lorry, he may deliver a lit-tle tap to the rear bumper though this may not be interpreted as a friendly gesture. Should he be a parking attendant, he may choose to approach the driver's side by stealth, suddenly thrusting a grimy parking ticket through the window at chest level. Almost all the women drivers of my acquaintance



Road rage ... the melée of rush-hour traffic in Indian cities; death is all

wars. One normally demure English lecturer says she does not fully wake up until she has had a few angry exchanges on the

way to work. A friend in Calcutta bemoans the lack of swear words in the Hindi lanruage. My moment of glory came when I swerved to block the car honking ma-niacally behind, and then got out to inquire sweetly whether its driver was trying to send a distress

In time, not only can you learn to conquer your own fear: you, too, can become a terror of the road. Imagine that you are in the middle of a life-size video game where all that matters is

moving ahead. There is an undeniable liberty in driving as badly as anyone else. Just think of it: no seat-belts, no stop signs, no regard to speed or your fellow motorist.

I must confess I have entered into the spirit wholeheartedly, bearing down on auto-rickshaws with glee, leaning on the horn with the full force of

my shoulder. Sometimes, I feel a twinge of guilt, and wonder whether I am enacting some sick colonial fantasy on India's roads. But then the red light ahead is send-ing out secret signals saying go, go, go and I move on.

The sleeping disease

Continued from page 13
time. he said. "Not the type of tired after a nice ramble in the country or going out for a ride one afternoon. It's a nervy, diety tradepose that seems to dirty tiredness that seems to come from one's very soul. One tends to have a jaun-diced view of the world. Freud

saw anyone with liver disease has no life at all. I believe that has no the arth. I believe has no the arthur is true. It really does marginalise one's existence. It really is a bit like the disease of the living dead. It is that grim."

One good friend stopped inviting de Havilland to dinner marting because he had failed. parties because he had failed so often to turn up. After a morning's shopping he has to go to bed for three hours to be

able to go out to eat with his girlfriend. His thirtysomething friends were all "hitting their mark" in their careers while he struggles to sit in front of the

competition next year. He has ideas for a piece for pianos and a string section. "That exera string section. That each cise is so intellectual . . getting my head around it is so difficult." Instead, he has read the Complete Works of Montaigne and the autobiography of Sir Malcolm Sargent, with scores of the music he con-ducted, and embarked on "an

inward journey". "When one has this amount of time on one's hands, one tends to start looking inwards. I'm not so much of a people-pleaser any more . . . life is

pleaser any more... The is very short.

"Tm sure I'm going to survive. My main fear is in what state." His hopes are pinned to participating in a trial in the autumn of interferon with another drug, ribavirin.

Cavin was in the music

Gavin was in the music piano Classical composing, his real vocation, is an area of writer who was going to make

it big in the eighties until his recreational drug use turned into a heroin habit. "A lot of people were doing it and didn't get habits," he said. "There's a perception about heroin that you come into contact with it

you come into contact with it and get addicted. A lot of people dabble with it and leave it.
"In the eighties, I remember fixing myself up in a large London reaching hospital with some junior doctors who had brought heroin back from But it was in the pop world

that he saw most drug use. 'My perception is that there are going to be hundreds and hundreds of people in the music business infected by this virus." He kicked his habit in 1985,

went to university and got an MSc in social work. T got a whole new life and career"— and a partner and three chil-dren, now six, eight and 14. Working in a drug agency, he realised what could be the problem when he began to ge symptoms last winter — the chronic fatigue, the muscle aches and pains and a bout of memory loss, It was bepatitis C, sure enough. Gavin has just

begun a course of interferon and ribavirin. He feels good so far and thinks it's right for

him, but advises people to think carefully before going for it — if they can get it. For



(above): There are going to be hundreds of people in the music business infected by this virus'

bad or worse as the symptoms of hepatitis C infection. Marcis, a former head of de-partment at a comprehensive school, is steering clear. "I'm not convinced enough about

Peter de Havilland liver. Most ex-

> not got cirrhosis -- yet. The Department of Health says 10 to 20 per cent will develop it and fewer still will get cancer. Matthew Dolan, coping with hepatitis C by writing a book about the

from his perambulations through other countries' earch. "In Japan, a study showed that 57 per cent of pa-tients with hepatitis C develop liver cancer within 10 years.

have been saying." The trouble is that nobody really knows. The slow pro-gress of this disease makes it decentful. It may be fulling it has only been detectable for five years. What the British Liver

units are universally report-ing many more cases — 70 to 100 per cent more — even though some GPs are not refer ring patients on.
"We'd like to see the
Department of Health looking

at the issues around hepatitis C with an increased sense of urgency," said the director, Alison Rogers. The Govern-ment has recently offered £1 million for research into its prevalence, transmission and natural history. But the trust would like to see more focus on providing treatment and counselling for those who have got it. "People have died and will continue to die," said Alison Rogers. "It is not some thing we can afford to be com-

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16 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In defence of the motor car

T is irresponsible of you to say (Leader, August 22) that people are dying from car exhaust pollution; there is simply no scientific proof that, of all the factors causing atmo-spheric pollution, vehicle emissions alone cause illness

and death. The air in most major western European cities is 90 per cent cleaner than it was 100 years ago. Think back to a cen-tury ago when coal-hurning factories really were seriously polluting the atmosphere and killing people. In the 1950s, ve-hicles emitted three times more pollution than they do now, yet there were no claims

they were causing deaths.

Motor vehicles cause about 30 per cent of the pollution in the air today. The rest - more than two thirds -- comes from industry. The problem is that motor vehicles are the most visible source in peoples' daily lives and therefore the target of much hysteria. But even if you took every single car and lorry off the road, you'd still be left with most of the atmospheric pollution we now face. A combination of EU legisla-

tion (the auto-oil programme), plus the developments in reduced fuel consumption and new car engine technology now on the market, will reinforce the already striking improvements achieved since the first oil shock in 1974. These developments mean that over the next 15 years, vehicle exhaust emissions will be reduced by up to 70 per cent. In other words, car pollution as such will no longer be a

It is certainly clear that all governments must develop rational transport policies to combat traffic congestion. But it is foolish to believe that these policies should focus on getting people out of cars and onto trains and public transport. Both these models will er be as economical and efficient for passenger transport and freight movement as cars and lorries. Furthermore, they are massively subsidised by government (ie taxpayers) and don't pay their real costs to

You point out that traffic is expected to double or treble in the next 30 years in the UK and predict doom on the country's roads. But the scenario doesn't have to work out this way. The population of most western European city centres is stag-nant or declining and, as studies show, most massive traffic growth is behind us, not

Instead of cutting road investment, the key is to develop new roads complete with envi-ronmental protection devices and facilities, where they make sense from a traffic volume standpoint and finance hem through user charges Axel Sinding.
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the kind of scares that the Germans are accused of over our beef. The car has brought mobility to millions of people. It is a lifetime for many people with disabilities, the elderly,

OUR editorial raises

families and rural dwellers. Fuel consumption has improved by 25 per cent over the last 20 years and pollutants have been reduced by 90 per cent. One of the most polluted cent. One of the most pollut streets in the UK is Oxford Street where cars are banned. RAC research shows that som 10 per cent of vehicles cause 50 per cent of the pollution. Let us target "gross polluters" rather than hyping BSE-style scares. Edmund King. RAC.

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Head of Campaigns,

WAS astounded to find Sir Peter Levene, an unelected adviser, responding to my letter on the CFQ programme (Letters, August 22). The fact that Tory ministers could be found to defeud demon-eyed. advertisements, but not the bawking-off of one of the most respected civil services in the

Sale of the service

world, speaks volumes. Sir Peter does not claim that I "misunderstood" the fact that over 690 million of tax. payers' money has been spent on expenses such as external consultancy fees; nor does he argue that market tests for civil service functions below \$500,000 (almost half of all CFQ reviews) did actually

achieve net savings. What he does contest is my statement that CFQ reviews won by in-house civil servants generated higher savings than private contractors. The report shows that the figures I quoted on overall savings are correct (chapter 3, figure 1). It continues: "This casts doubt on the widely-held presump-

tion that the private sector can bring about efficiencies in ways the public sector

Unfortunately, the figures on overall savings were not used in the final analysis on savings. Rather, numbers were juggled in a way which can only be seen as creative accountancy to show that private contractors generated higher savings (before proess costs were taken into consideration) than in-house civil ervanis

Perhaps Sir Peter could explain why the more accurate overall figures on overall savings were not used in the final comparison. More to the point, if this report has given the CFQ programme a ringin endorsement, why did the Government wait almost a year to publish its findings? Barry Reamsbottom. General Secretary. The Civil and Public Services Association, 160 Falcon Road, London SW11 2LN.

David, Roy and Peter in a spin

DAVID Blunkett will not stop the campaign against Labour's spin doctors if he ittacks an argument which is not being put (No bogeymen in the shadows, August 19). Roy Hattersley, Brian Sedge-

more, Clare Short and John Prescott are not denying the worth of employing people to help decide which policies to focus on and how they should be presented. What is causing such panic in Labour ranks is a growing belief that Mr Man-delson's role seems to extend to determining which policies can be jettleoned and which new ones adopted in order to make his task of winning the election easier David A Dawson 38 Lynton Road, Southport PR83AW.

BRIAN Sedgemore's out-burst (Prints of darkness August 19) does him little credit. He attacks communicators as though presentation and skilled media relations were bad things. Without them, the media would tear Labour apart. No institution can survive without its spin doctors: the Church, the Army, charities, the private sector, or political parties. Politics has relied on effective days of ancient Greece. Paul Richards 109 Hammersmith Bridge Road, London W6 9DA.

WONDER how many readers found such supreme irony in reading that Roy Hattersley much importance and appears focus on policies. August 19) He had his turn at the head of the Labour Party. This, because of the two election defeats, was mainly a failure. Richard Sounders 35 Woodside Avenue, London N12 SAT.

MONDAY'S Guardian in-cluded front-page criti-cisms of Peter Mandelson. Tuesday's Letters page opened with five correspondents extolling the great man's virtue Were his protagonists so in-censed by such a character assassination that they felt compelled to speak up for such a we take it that Mr Mandelson is as manipulative as was suggested? Warren Brown.

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Last word

documentation.

WE hope that David Mckie (Step forward, all friends of the footnote, August 21) will glance at our new book. The Art of the Footnote, because it offers writers a way to present complete

With on-line bibliographical services and text-retrieval systems, each researcher soon can see, read, and use nearly the whole of the conse quence of past writing. But this is possible only if the writer meticulously documents her steps so that the next seeker of knowledge. starting at the point where the text stops, stands at an illuminated crossroads with choices clearly indicated. Francis A Burkle-Young. Saundra Rose Maley. PO Box 2793. Kensington. Maryland 20891, USA.

Standard assessment

HE DEBATE on examination standards (Leader, August 22) is in danger of ignoring the social and political context. Since 1988 schools and colleges have peen encouraged to operate as competing small businesses, where examination league ables provide the criteria for success. At the same time, the examination boards have suffered from increasingly centralised direction in terms of syllabus content and examina ion structure.

These factors have distorted what was previously a rela-tively constructive competition to improve the quality of name through innovation and extended choice among boards. Since, as even the Government now admits, informa-tion from league tables is miseading, forcing schools to compete on this basis will lead inevitably to a distortion of the education process.

Rather than concentrate attention on the difficult, and probably irresolvable, issue of whether or not standards have changed, we believe the time is right for a full and independent nquity into the many effects of league tables, which are now beginning to emerge (Prof) Harvey Goldstein. (Prof) Celia Hoyles. Prof) Richard Noss. Institute of Education, University of London, 20 Bedford Way,

ondon WC1HOAL YOU ask (Leader, August 22) whether enough is being done to ensure that Britain reaches its national target for 2000; that 85 per cent of 19ear-olds should have 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, or an equivalent qualification. Much has already been achieved. Only 46 per cent of young people reached that level 10 years ago; 68 per cent did so last year. Here are three stens that would improve the position further:

 All schools and colleges should set their own targets for raising the levels of attainment of their pupils and stu-dents. Those that already do so

have seen the higher levels of schievement that can result: We must make National Vocational Qualifications less bureaucratic, less jargon ridden and cheaper to assess. NVQs must also meet the real needs of industry sectors; We must convey clearly and with conviction the message that education and training are vital for the success of every young person and of Britain as a Whole.

P Chorley. Director, National Advisory Council for Education and Training Targets. 222 Grays Inn Road London WC1X8HL

HOSE who, like your leader-writer (Widening the campus gate, August 19) urge the expansion of higher ducation should view with alarm the consequences of their enthusiasm. Untrammelled by calls for the maintenance of standards of delivery provision and output, the Go verment has, since 1990, met emands for increased places in universities and collect while blaming everybody else for the state to which institutions have sunk.

Given that real salaries are being cut, working conditions worsened, libraries unable to cope, and research facilities disappearing from many institutions, calls for increased student access are irresponsible To dismiss those who are fed up with what has happened a "a few elitists" who "will grumble" is dishonest. (Prof) A J Pointon. Association of University and College Lecturers, 104 Albert Road. Southsea PO5 2SN.

A-LEVEL pass rates are meaningless unless we ask, "86 per cent of what?" If a more restricted or more al hand of students enters the Ex amination, or the less able have been sifted out before hand, then without any change in difficulty the percentage pass rate will automatically

increase.
It is possible that the exams

have become easier although that would mean that the Gov ernment's own watchdog (SCAA) has allowed that to happen. It is more likely that in this age of league tables, nany schools are increasingly elective about the students they enrol and enter for exemi nations. An effect of modular examinations is that some weak candidates withdraw before the final stage and so are

Comprehensive education has dramatically increased the number of parents who have had the experience of studying for public examinations. Their children are considerably ad vantaged compared with their predecessors. It is very likely that a portion of the improve-ment is linked with increasing ffectiveness in schools.

not included in the total of en-

EF Smith. Churchfields High School, Sandwell, West Midlands B71 4DR.

APPLAUD Sir Rhodes Boy-son's proposed examination for students applying to the tor universities (Exam chiefs attack limit on number of A-

level re-sits, August 8). At the noted public school which I attended, my two English teachers claimed that I was "not Cambridge material". Both my history master and bouse mistress advised m not to apply. The house staff alleged that I would "not per-form well at interview". My housemaster told me to my face: "You won't get in becau only one in five do."

Whilst Cambridge has abol-

ished the entrance examina tion that Oxford still uses, some colleges, including mine still employ their own version which, together with two thorough interviews, the submis-sion of essays, and an overand the desays, and an over-night stay, proved a far more rigorous admissions system than the lesser universities to which I applied. Lan Guard. 74 St John's Avenue.

stershire DY11 6AT.

The end of the peer show starring Betty Boothroyd

OUR description of a day in the life of a working peer (Working peers confound popular myth of oxymoron.
August 22) was incomplete. It
omitted our work on the select
committees, which regularly
look at EU legislation, science and technology, and the envi-ronment. In addition, special committees are appointed to report on aspects of our national life causing concern.

This work is thorough and time-consuming. For instance, the Science and Technology Sub-committee, which recently reported on the information superhighway, received well over 100 written na, took oral evilence from dozens of experi es and made several visits both in the UK and abroad. The reports distilling all this knowledge and experi-ence are authoritative and

cross-party.

Debates on these reports are among the best in the House, especially if critical of the Govrnment and the Government has to defend its actions. Lord Haskel of Higher Broughton 12 Rosemont Road. Richmond, Surrey TW106QL

CONRAD Russell's article on the abuses of party patronage (Who pays the piper, August 22) is a little short on specifics. Is state funding of political parties the solution? have my doubts. Since the amount of public funds disbursed would depend on the

perties' voting strength, the Tories and Labour could divide the spoils almost entirely between them. It would insu-late the parties from their abers' firmncial contribution and leaders would be even more disdainful of the grass-

roots views. I propose that no political party be allowed to receive any money other than the income from membership fees. Every year they would have to in-form an independent Repre-sentation of the People Committee of the amount charged for individual membership, so as to avoid "membership fe of thousands of pounds. This Would greatly reduce the or portunities for patronage and bind the parties to their membership. Walter Cairns. 636 Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 8RP.

WE are all grateful that Ju-lian Critchley does not ob-ject to an eldest female child ascending the throne (Tricks of the trade, August 21) but I must puncture his masculine arrogance by reminding him that even the present head of state does not find it necessary to be tall or wear a top hat. So why should the next one (Betty Boothroyd, for example)? Julie Harrison. Hertford SG143AQ.

We regret we cannot acknowledge receipt of letters. We may edit them: shorter ones are more likely to appear.

Put your trust in the Prince

OS Coward (New Charles takes on the new republic, August 19) argues that assess-ments of the Prince's Trust "seem non-existent" and suggest that the trust's commu nity-service programme could be the prototype for tying bene-fit entitlement to community

On the first point, we do know how successful our pro-grammes are. Three examples start-ups funded by the our Business Trust are still trading after three years;
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young people who participate in our community services programme find jobs or sume their education: 70 per cent of young people who complete the trust's training programmes go on to jobs or further training. in all these cases, our suc-

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cess rates compare extremely favourably with other similar Lord Sheppard of Didgemere. Chairman, Prince's Trust Administrative Council. 20 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BL

A Country Diary

MACHYNLLETH: One day recently I went south to check up on one of our rarest local ferns, the forked spleen wort. which grows on and near lead-mines in the Ystwyth valley. It is not only in Wales but also in other parts of the world that this litle fern has a liking for lead-mines, but olease don't ask me why. Hav. ing found my little fern flourishing on several walls, I came back north on a trail of ancient monuments. First, I set up across the tumpike road by Thomas Johnes, of

passed under the famous arch nearby Hafod, in 1810 to celebrate 50 years of the reign of George 111. From his high. perched arch I came down to Devil's Bridge and another celebrated arch. But this one is below your feet, the lowest of three bridges spanning a gorge, one above the other. From the Devil's Bridge hotel I looked across to the gorge of the Rheidol and thought of the botanist, Forster, who came

here long ago and made the first find of the beautiful yellow-flowered plant sometimes called Welsh stonecrop (Sedum forsterianum). From there, I followed the Rheidol gorge two miles upstream to Ysbyty Cynfyn, where there is a church but no village. There was back to ancient monuments where, it seems, a former circle of Bronze Age standing stones was adapted for Christian use. I followed the footpath from the church and zigzagged down through oakwoods to the river, and there I found the ruins of a lead-mine. More forked spieenwort, I wondered? Yet, though I searched for half an hour, I saw no sign of that strangely distributed ferniet. But it was deliciously cool in the shade of the gorge, a pair of grey wagtails were most elegant on the midstream boulders and there was per-fect solitude. What more could I ask?

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Mr Howard's flexible friend has an identity crisis

HÉ current debate over the symbols to be displayed on the national identity card has all the hallmarks of a govern-ment smokescreen, encouraging us to discuss trivialities whilst the real questions to immentioned. The questions of the necessity and desirability of these cards have still to be answered convincingly. heard refrain is that an honest citizen has nothing to fear from an ID card. My response is that an honest government has nothing to fear from reveal ing the format of the data held. on the magnetic strip.

David Cross.

London SW129SX XISTING means of identity (passports, driving licences, etc) do not carry the Union Jack, rather "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" in writing. It is therefore nonsensical to suggest that any new ID card must bear the Union flag. It would, however, be sensible to include the EU flag if the card is to be recognised

is compulsory to carry proof of identity. The common-sens solution would be to produce a card bearing "United King-dom" in words together with the EU flag. This has the ad-vantage of offending no one-with the exception of the extreme Tory right, of course. Paul Hindhaugh. 3 Roberts Way, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF26ST.

HRSE new ID/drivinglicence cards will be a bonus for ancient car-driving pensioners such as myself. In stead of having to pay £36 every three years, all we have to do is live for nine years and we will be 233 in pocket. But don't tell Kenneth Clarke or he will freeze our allowances or reduce the pension. David Smith.

Boston, Lines PE21 9DP. NCE there are no rights Dassociated with my status as a British subject, it seems unreasonable to force me to carry a card to prove it. Jasper Holmes. 228 Great Western Road. throughout Europe, where it

10 Allington Garden,

WILL I be allowed the Scot-tish royal crest on my ID card? The FCO regretted in 1988 that for technical reason it was not possible to put the crest on passports issued in Scotland but no doubt modern echnology has overcome these timent the Colin Imrie. Demotstraat 55, 1040 Brussels

ALREADY have an ID card. It was given to me when I was four by a Civil Service clerk who solennly assured me that if I didn't carry it everywhere, Hitler would come for me. After 56 years in my pocket it's a bit dog-eared, but I'm not paying £15 for a new one, Patrick George. 16 Middle Mill Lane. Cullompion, Devon EX15 1.JP.

OUR artist's impression of what an ID card might look ike (August 22) suggests that Michael Howard has no distingulshing marks. Talking out of the wrong end is hardly commonplace. William Barrett 6 Burns Road, London NW19 4DY,

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In this edited extract from last night's MacTaggart Lecture, John Birt, the BBC Director-General, explains his hopes and fears for the digital age

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Gateway to the BBC's future

OME of the condiated our world are nding for ever. Our world was borne of spectrum scarcity, a handful of channels and of regulation. The analogue technology which underpinned 70 years of British broadcasting is to give way to a brand new and differ ent technology — digital. The impact will be seismic.
The digital age will have

three key characteristics: we enter a world of plenty, where hundreds or thousands of channels and services become possible. We enter a world of interactivity, and we enter a world where services can be obtained from any point on

We will be able to bank or to shop from our armchairs: moving pictures will lure us moving pictures will ritre as to book a holiday; or buy a car or a new pair of football boots. Tap in your PIN number and they'll be delivered direct to your home that night, along with your groceries.

This awesome vision of a mature, interactive, highquality-picture digital future is probably 10-15 years away. ready upon us, and advancing rapidly: indeed, anyone who wants a feel of the digital age should surf the Internet. The dizzy array of web sites offering valuable information, eccentricity or simply the chance to commune with like-minded individuals gives an exhibitaring hint of our future: global democracy, warts and all.

But if the future of British broadcasting is to be as gloriof threats, dangers and diffi-culties need to be overcome by government, regulators and by the people working in the industry. And if these diffi-

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some bold and speedy de-cisions; and this industry will need to show far more strategic foresight. The first danger is that the digital age will be marked not by openness and diversity but by domi-nance. Broadcasting will be

only one among a number of competitors for the attention of the consumer in the home.

When you switch on your TV/PC in the year 2010, I fear BBC1 will not appear as it does now. In all probability, someone will pop up trying to sell you something. The vital gateway into the home in the digital age will be controlled by those who own means of delivery into the home; the navigation system which helps the consumer locate what is available; the encryp ion system which encodes and decodes the services; the subscriber or transaction management system which

extracts payments for services used — probably all contained in a single set-top box. e for control of an share of the enormous economic value passing through that gateway, will be one of the great business battles shaping the next century, to rival the 19th-century battle for the railroad or the 20th-century battle for office software systems. But no group should be able to abuse control of that set-top box to inhibit competi tion. The hallmark of the digital age must be full cultural

The second set of dangers is that the easy availability of programmes and services worldwide will encourage the emergence of a single global culture, and that the huge increase in competition will result in a drop in programme standards. A single global cuiture will mean an American-ised world culture. Much of culties are to be overcome, ised world culture. Much of government will need to make the distribution of new pro-

and economic freedom.

grammes and services will come via telecom wires and is therefore unstoppable by those who favour quotas or

> The way to counteract this force is to husband and chershour own, and other, rich and unique national cultures, identities and heritages to en-sure that real choice ramains

we have seen in other we have seen in other countries that when commer-cial competition bites, choice narrows. I hope ITV, and the Independent Television Commission as regulator, will con-tinue to recognise that ITV is the UK's dominant advertiser supported network and is likely to remain so for a decade or more to come, and that ITV's programme spend is the best part of £1 billion a year. pated spend of £110 million on Channel 5 and with a reporter

spend on Sky One of only £35 million. Whilst ITV continues to exploit a valuable public asset -- terrestrial frequencies will remain valuable for while yet --- ITV should contimue to offer a rich mix of programmes, accessibly scheduled, in return for the

I do not wish to exaggerate: We are not yet in danger, but there are worrying straws in the wind. My heart sank when I heard there was to be a fourth Coronation Street each week. The Street is one of British television's great achievements — an access point to TV drama for generations of writ-ers. An extra edition on special occasions is fine. But please Granada, don't stretch the creative elastic too far. Try | means sustaining the BBC.

something new. My heart sank still further when I was told that the fourth episode is to be scheduled on Sunday evening, thus threatening a long tradition of weekend schedules which are tree form, constantly varying, and which, at their best, capture the special and different mood of weekend evenings.
My second concern is the

My heart sank when I heard there was to be a fourth Coronation Street. Granada, don't stretch the creative elastic too far

tragmenting of support within ITV for ITN. The national interest requires a second strong news organisation. Of course ITN must be efficient, but its funding should be adequate for its purpose. We will need measured

judgment and a sense of proportion and timing from those who control TTV to ensure that TIV's own long, honourable and distinct programme tradi-tion survives in the rough vaters ahead.

But the most effective neans of countering the risks of the globalisation of culture, and declining standards will be by sustaining their publicly-funded broadcasters. In the United Kingdom, that

In the digital age the BBC will be freed like everyone else from the shackles of scarcity, and will help lead the way into the digital age with a programme-led vision. We will offer — perhaps as soon as next year — better picture and ound quality, more choice,

and greater convenience. We will supply BBC1 and BBC2 in reen, 24-hour news and themed channels exposing the many treasures of the world's richest archive.

The new technology will allow us to offer exciting alter-

natives to the main channel schedules on BBC1 and BBC2 multiple choices varying from hour to hour. We either join it or be history. The BBC's most lively minds can immediately see the creative possibilities. The digital age will present a de fibancial cha lenge. The recent financial history of the BBC has been miraculous. There has been no increase in the level of the licence fee, in real terms, since 1965. Indeed there was a 3 per

There has been some growth in our income - from reducing licence fee evasion; and from a slight growth in the number of households — but he growth has been mode

cent cut in the real value of the

licence fee in the early

The commercial arm, BBC Worldwide, is a growing success. We are Europe's biggest exporter in broadcasting. But commercial activity still only accounts for 5 per cent of in-come. The BBC is 95 per cent dependent on the licence fee. Contrast that with our costs in the same period: sports rights

receive them, including satel-lite. And we will need to invest in the extra programme ser-vices digital technology will tree us to offer. How can we afford all of this new and substantial investment? The BBC has become

over 10 years, talent and other rights costs are rising rapidly

under the impact of greater

broadcast competition. BBC

pay is now broadly competi-tive and rises in line with the

eneral labour market which

is some 2 per cent faster than the RPL Funding rising pay

and rights, and our enhanced and expanded services, was

achieved by a massive attack on the bloated, inefficient BBC that history bequeathed us. That BBC produced won-

derful programmes. Now we can produce even more.

We have done all this and

enhanced our creativity. The

efficiency drive did not harm

our programmes. The Jeremi-ahs were wrong again. We are

at the top of our form, with an

extraordinarily powerful team of creative leaders. We

innovative and dedicated

the creativity of our pro-

broadcast staff in the world.

They have been at the sharp

end of change, and have coped magnificently. We are focus-

ing hard on our audiences and

grammes. And we are also a

eaner, more effective BBC.

with a management experi-enced in steering through

major change.

Preparing the BBC for the digital age will be a task at

east as great as the transfor-

mation the BBC has accom-plished in recent years. In the

next few years we will need to

invest in digital production fa-cilities, digitising the archive,

creating a digital distribution

network inside the BBC - our

own Superhighway, deliv-

ering our services by all the new means by which our

dave the most h

practised in self-help, and selfhelp is where we'll start again. Digital technology will allow us to make another stepchange in our efficiency. We are convinced that we can pioneer and establish new industry standards and bring another leap forward in the BBC's efficiency. We will

invest the substantial savings

n new digital services for our

licence payers. We can help ourselves further by using the new technologies to introduce a variety of new commercially-funded ser-vices, at home and abroad. and to re-invest the gains in our free-to-air services.

But neither a new leap for-ward in efficiency, nor a vigorous drive to increase our commercial revenue, will be enough. At some point in the ruture — and for the first tir since 1985 — we shall need a real increase in the level of the icence fee.

BBC revenue growth should bear some relationship to industry revenue growth. While the BBC has been coping with static funding. money has poured into the rest of the industry. This year, satellite and cable revenues will overtake BBC Television revenues — an historic mo-ment. Sometime around 1998 they will overtake ITV's revenue as well. Over the next 10

years, subscription and pay TV revenues are forecast to In the same 10-year period, advertising revenue will grow

much more modestly, but still by something like a third. If the licence fee remains fixed, in real terms, BBC reve-nues will barely grow. BBC Television's share of industry revenues would drop to around 20 per cent, even though our share of audience

would be far higher.
If our relative financial position in the industry were to deteriorate in this way, the BBC's role as the national broadcaster would be diminished. If we are to remain in step with the nation, our licence income should grow as the nation's wealth grows.
Over the past 10 years, spend
on public services in the UK
has grown broadly in line with
national wealth. BBC spend has lagged significantly behind. If the BBC is to maintain its role, then its income will

need to rise. The BBC is the most sucsful cultural institution i the world, one of the great inventions of the 20th century Let it flower; let it blossom; let it flourish; let it pioneer, let it grow. It is not difficult to see why it became easier to bash the BBC than to revere it. But do not take the BBC for

John Birt is Director-General of the BBC. This is an edited version of the James MacTaggart Memorial Lectura delivered last night at the Edinburgh Television Feetival

Freedom for a captive of history

Thomas Clarkson, the other hero of the anti-slavery movement, is finally being honoured. JOHN EZARD reports on why it has taken so long

HOMAS CLARKSON found the cause which set his life on fire when he was 25. When he won victory in parliament 48 years later, 800,000 slaves were im-mediately freed across the British Empire and millions of others gained liberty soon

Wordsworth wrote a sonnet to him, Coleridge called him "the giant with one iden" and Hazlitt said he was incomparable. Yet Clarkson became one of British history's great

one of British history's great forgotten reformers. Next month this wrong will be righted — in the 150th anni-versary year of his death — when he gains a place in West-minster Abbey. A memorial plaque honouring this 'friend plaque nonouring cals triega to slaves" will be unveiled close to the grave of William Wilberforce, the fellow-cam-paigner who is mainly cred-ited with ending the 19th cen-ture grade in humans. tury trade in humans. Wilberforce was buried

there 163 years ago by public subscription amid worldwide acclaim. Clarkson's name was so eclipsed that two years ago, when Mark Covey joined Anti-Slavery International— which Clarkson helped found—he had never heard of him.

the healing of an ancient rift between the two families. "Terrible things" said by Wilberforce's sons were blamed for consigning Clarkson's memory to the shadows after

"He has waited 150 years for this and some of us have wait-ed a lot of our own lifetimes for it. Wilberforce was the frontroom man who did the parliamentary work and was in the public eye. Clarkson was the back-room man—and sometimes those get overlooked Wilberforce's descendant the retired law lord Lord Wil-berforce, aged 89, is acting as a patron for the service, along-side a member of the family.

Richard Clarkson, aged 90. Thomas Clarkson has been called Britain's first single issue campaigner. He was the agitator, researcher and pro-pagandist who roamed Britain unearthing the facts which appalled public and parliament into banning the

lavery trade. At a time when much of his ciass was gaining from the profits of slavery, Clarkson investigated and exposed the mortality rates on slave ves-sels: 45 per cent "under favour-The Abbey ceremony on September 25 will finally mark cent "in many other cases".



Campaigner . . . Thomas Clarkson wary evans Picture URPARY from a total of 20,000 sailors

on slave ships.

"To his contemporaries, he was the driving force behind the campaign," says Anti-Slavery international. Cole-

ridge called him "a moral steam engine". Clarkson's father was a vic-ar and handmaster of Wisboch

ar and manmenter of whosen grammar school in Cam-bridgeshire. Thomas, who got a first in maths at Cambridge, intended to follow his father.

The turning point of his life came in 1785 when he entered

a university Latin essay prize

will?". Clarkson won but the horners he found in his

The set topic was "Is it right

ompetition.

He travelled with two exhibits in a chest to show the public. One was a print of a deck cross-section which itlustrated overcrowding on slave ships. The other was a display of African workman-ship. To people who ques-tioned the economics of abolitionism, he said: "You don't have to trade in human beings. You can trade in arte-facts."

Once, searching for a sailor he knew had evidence agains the trade, he boarded every ship in Deptford, Woolwich, Portsmouth. He found his witness on the 57th ship he boarded and the man testi-

gainst enslavement against ensiavement.
Through publishing his
essay he met Wilberforce's advisea John Newton, author of
the hymn Amazing Grace. By
coincidence, the prime minister, William Pitt, who was an
abolitionist was then unying

sholitionist, was then urging Wilberforce to take up the issue. Wilberforce, a young, eloquant MP in search of a cause, was hesitant; but the balance.

research gave him sleepless nights. Shortly afterwards,

while riding to London with

the prize money in his pocket, he had a transforming experi-

ence. It was his road to Damas

cus, except that it took him in

a secular direction, into a life-

amicably and intensively all their lives. Slavery was abol-tshed in the British Empire in 1833. Wilberforce dled that vear. Clarkson was a worn-ou 73-year-old. Even before he died in 1846,

Wilberforce's influential sons
— an archdeacon and a bishop — an archdeacon and a bishop
— began beamirching Clarkton's name. Reen to stress
their father's role, they objected to a chart Clarkson had
left showing bow anti-slavery
support had spread. They
accused him of trying to steal
sole credit. They dismissed
him as "a shabby old romantic" because of his links with
wordsworth and Coleridge.

Wordsworth and Coleridge.
Privately they apologised to
Clarkson for this, But they left
their charges on record in
their biography of their father.
The Dictionary Of National

Biography, published in 1888, says: "It is almost impossible to overrate the effect of Clarkson's unceasing perseverance in the cause.

"Before he entered on the crusade slave-holding was considered — except by a cho-sen few — as a necessary part of social economy. It was largely due to Clarkson's exertions that long before his death it had come to be regarded as a crime."
But this failed to establish

his name in British memory. though he has always been honoured in Africa, in the Caribbean and by American pegroes. Mark Covey, ASI's press officer, says: "He was a private man who didn't push himself. He destroyed a lot of his papers, which did not belp scholars."

Clarkson's family began trying to rehabilitate his name in the 1930s. But the triumph of getting him into the Abbey is the work of Margaret Cave and nine other Wisbech people who formed the Clarkson Anniversary Committee, Mrs Cave saw Clarkson's chest in the town museum 42 years ago and was inspired by it. Sebastian Wilberforce, a de seedant of the MP, says: "I am very pleased indeed that he is getting recognition. I wonder why it hasn't hap-

The anniversary committee has mounted an appeal to fund antislavery research. Donations to The Clarkson Appeal, 12 Clarkson Avenue, Wisbech, Clarkson Avenue, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire PE13 2EG.



on red hot plates, whilst the back of his legs are hit in time to music. Onlookers taunt him and torce him to drink beer. Why? Because they're teaching him to 'dance' for tourists who pay to watch his agentaling waitz. The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)

escues 'dancing bears' and takes them to sencture where they can be free of pain and suffering. But we can't carry out our life-saving work without the support of people like you. Your gift of Just \$10, or whatever you can afford, will help cut the chains of innocent animals. So please send your donation today. He's counting on you.

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The name's Bond, Alan Bond



In 1987 he paid a record \$49 million for a Van Gogh and the art market soared. He then helped trigger its plunge. This week, he was ailed. DAN ATKINSON reports on the man who showed just how volatile an investment art really is

NEVERY investment market, whether company stocks or rare postage stamps, most people are wrong most of the time. Fine art stands out only because the potential for 80 ing wrong on a huge scale and in the most horribly public way is so much greater.

At five to eight on the evening of November 11 1987, Van Gogh's Irises was sold at Sotheby's in New York for \$49 million before a crowd of more than 2,000 people. Both the price and the crowd set new records. The sale — \$14 million ahead of the previous high — was flashed eround the world and brandished as "proof" that, despite the carnage on Wall Street the previ ous month, there was no bint of depression in the air. The booming art market was not only surviving, but thriving

as never before. Except that it wasn't. The man instructing the telephone bidder for Irises was Alan Bond, the brewing, prop erty and media tycoon, who won Australia the America's Cup yachting trophy in 1983. One hesitates to describe Bond as the buyer of the painting because, as it emerged later, he didn't actually have the money to pay for it. Half was borrowed from Sotheby's itself, the balance from bankers SG Warburg in

In a neat inversion of the more usual problem, here was a ganuine picture going for fake money. Worse, the "sale", by falsely propping up confidence, effectively helped buy the art market another

two years' worth of excess before the recessionary hurricane of 1990 hit with full force. And that savage down swing in art prices was, in part, triggered by the news that Bond was having diffi-

culty — severe difficulty — paying off his Irises debts. This week, the irrepresible "Bondie" was jailed for another piece of misfeasance connected to the art world. In 1988, he persuaded the board of his public company Bond Corporation to sell to his family company, Dailhold Invest-ments, Edouard Manet's painting La Promenade. other than the price: Bond misled his fellow directors into believing £1 million would be fair dos, against a true valuation nearer 26

million. Dallhold sold La Promenade on the open market in

1989 for El million. The same crooked shuffle could have been carried out using any asset: shares, prop erty, gilts or bullion. The diffarence is that Bond's fellow directors would have been a sight harder to fool over the true value of a parcel of IBM stock or 10 kilos of gold than they proved to be over the worth of La Promenade.

And this goes to the heart of the speculating-in-art conun drum. In the spectrum of investments, cash sits at one end. Its value can be readily checked at any hour of the day or night, it represents a solid claim on tangible assets. Cash, in the words of London's super-critical financial analyst Terry Smith, is fact;



everything else is opinion. Moving along the spectrum is "near-cash": güt-edged Government stock, shares in top-grade companies. A little further along comes property, an asset whose value, as anyone who has lived through the last six years will know, was once thought to b fact" but soon proved to be

largely "opinion" And finally, fading off to the right, are rare stamps. fine wines, vintage cars, old coins, racehorses and, of course, fine art. So intengible are these "assets", so reliant on opinion (or, rather, fash-

so we think tonight would be a really good test for him.". This was very odd for a pro-gramme billed as one that

across the spectrum, pushing up first the price of money (interest rates), then the price some cases a fifth.

Flower power, . . . Van Gogh's Irises, top left, bought by Bond (centre) for \$49 million. Manet's La Promenade (above), the painting which got him jailed for an intricate

moves from left to right of shares and property and land values and, finally, brings about a huge "bubble" in arts, antiques and

By this stage, of course, the price of money is so high that anyone holding any would be a fool not to put it on deposit and, conversely, anyone with big debts will be creaking under the interest-rate

This double-blow - the flight of any remaining investors back into "fact" (cash) and the insolvency of those holding the overvalued Old Masters or reconditioned Bentleys — puts the art mar-ket in much the same position as one of those cartoon characters who, having run over a cliff edge, continues to tread air for some time before realising what has happened and plunging downwards.

Alan Bond's empire owed, at one stage, about \$14 billion. a staggering sum, more than four times the debt level that broke the Maxwell group. As accountants moved in to sort out the wreckage, they found 300 Old Masters and Impressionist paintings — not bad for a company bestknown for its Castlemaine Toohey subsidiary, maker of the only beer worth giving a

XXXX about.
These paintings were sold. off to pay debts; the only problem was they were sold off at prices prevailing not in 1986 but in 1992, by which time

vanced on their steady slide mid-nineties, perhaps half their peak, perhaps a third, in

Bond was far from alone. Japan felt the depressionary chill a little later than its western counterparts and, in 1990, "billionaire" (on paper) Ryoei Saito paid £82.5 million for Van Gogh's Dr Gachet and 278.1 million for Renoir's Au Moulin de la Galette.

His company, Daishowa, duly collapsed and the two paintings are now valued at half their 1990 worth.

These distress sales, com-bined with the fall-out from the bursting of the art bubble exert a powerful depression-ary effect on art prices. It happened in 1974 and has happened again, with greater severity, in this decade. A generation of investors and peculators is burned off the idea of ever again investing in art: the old saw, that one should never buy for any reason other than to hang the purchase on the wall and admire it. reasserts itself.

Until of course, the next time when, once again, auctioneers and valuers will suggest fine-art prices have reached a new plateau" and that "prices have established a new benchmark". Justas share drices had done in sur mer 1987, just as house prices did in 1988/89, just as the gold price achieved in January

This time, they will say, it will all be so different, just as It was that November night in New York nine years ago. Except that it wasn't.

Festival reviews

FILE

FLIRTING WITH DISASTER

OW DO you follow your first hit when it's an offbeat, charming, comedy about incest? You lighten up. guess. David O Russell's second film isn't half as distinctive as his Spanking The Monkey, but this doesn't seem to be the usual case of a successful independent director going for the mainstream

Flirting With Disaster suggests a film-maker trying out some new twists, standing back and squinting quizzically at the results; next time round, he'll probably have figured out what to do with

A rather too Woody Allenesque comedy about a conused urban nerd and his family, it sometimes comes perilously close to sitcom terrain -- no wonder, since the Moore, Alan Alda, Lily Tom-

lin, and Tea Leoni from The Naked Truth. The lead is Ben Stiller, who graduated from TV comedy to directing the wretched The Cable Guy. Here he plays adopted Mel, who decides to set out in search of his real parents. The ensuing ram-shackle road movie finds him travelling with his wife (Patri-cia Arquette), the drop-dead neurotic psychologist (Leoni) studying him, and a pair of gay FBI agents

It doesn't really go anywhere, but then the best road movies never do. It's all down to the quality of the collisions en route, and the best mo-ments here come from Stiller's rival sets of parents, hippie hangovers Tomlin and Alda. and an abrasive dream team of Tyler Moore and George Segal as their squabbling urbanite counterparts.

Most of it could have started life as a spare episode of Friends or Seinfeld, although there's a nice acceleration into Joe Orton territory towards the end. Still, you start to miss the canned studio laughter.

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GURRELIEDER/ CLAUDIO ABBADO

A PART from the tendency of the timpanists to spend every spare bar neurotically checking their tuning, there is nothing to give away the youth and unpaid status of the Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester. But Schoenberg's epic Gurrelieder is a piece that flatters an orchestra. The massiv textures are thickly layered and the quixotic elements in the orchestration take second place, for the most part, to the surging welter of melody. The huge body of strings, resonant and crisp, particularly to the bass, made the most of it, closely followed by the brass section. Only the woodwind

seemed a little lost in between. To this sumptious sound was added the superlative voice of Jane Eaglen, as Tove, one of a star-ridden cast that also included Thomas Moser as Waldemar and Hans Hotter, no less, as the Speaker. Hotter, now 86, was amplified, but even so his voice conveyed a rare sense of wonder at the buoyant imagery of the words. The Edinburgh Festival Chorus, augmented by male voices from the Schoenberg choir, negotiated some of the intricate part-writing with a nervous tread, but was at its most glorious in the grand per-oration of the finale. Claudio Abbado, conducting without a score, led his forces through two hours of music with economical gestures and scarcely a hair out of place. Christopher Lambton

Talk of the town

NE of the shows Edin-burgh won't see this year is a new inustical from Pete Townshend. Anybody who has seen the musical of Tommy currently in the West End might think this no bad thing, but a new work from the wise old man of pop rebellion and literature might have been another matter. The Townshend show is one of 10 planned productions that didn't make it to the Assembly Rooms this year Tve never known so many productions fall out of the programme," Assembly director William Burdett-Coutts said the other morning, holding court in the Assembly's Club

Bar. The simple reason is because of the cost of coming to Edinburgh. voice to the chorus demanding that something be done to pro tect not only the Assembly Rooms but the whole Fringe hebang. The Assembly, he revealed, was projecting a 260,000 shortfall this year, mainly because of the loss of sponsorship from Stella Ar-tois, who pulled out at the end of last year. Stella, it should be noted, decided to shift the emphasis of their sponsorship

away from live performance to television. "We have an inter-esting challenge ahead of us," he said, contemplating funding next year's events. The Assembly has tried the Scottish Arts Council, but to little avail. An application to the National Lottery for £500,000 for equipment has been deferred to next week, and Burdett-Coutts isn't holding many hopes for its success Apparently the application was turned down because of

owned, and rented out for the duration of the festival - and whether the theatre is to be included in a council feasability study, a study which is only at the hypothetical stage But the real problem seems to be concerns about what would happen if the Assembly Rooms goes bust. Burdett-Courts described the whole business as a "Gordian knot". Perhaps a memo to the Arts Council about chickens and eggs would he in order.

WHY, many are asking, wasn't ventriloquist David Strassman — one of the few real hits on the Fringe included on the Perrier shortlist? Ineligible, comes the reply. Strassman, with deonic sidekick Chucky, is big in the States, playing venues such as Cassar's Palace. "And anyway," sald a Perrier per-son, "take away the dummies and puppers and what have you got?" Exactly. All that propping up of acts with dummies. Shouldn't be allowed.

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THE BEST way to draw attention to a show, as any self-respecting Fringe act knows, is to have a pun in the title. This year's crop, while not great, includes some good-ies. Live And Let Fry could be a play on Scotland's mythical deep-fried Mars bars, while Whose Solo Is It Anyway winds soils it Anyway
scores double by including a
pun and a TV show. The
smuggest has to be A Little
Dry Sherrin And Some Assorted Nuts, while the tacklest s No British Please We're Sexy. The best of the bunch. however, has to be Nothing To Lose But Your Ankle Chains. Repent, sinners.

Dan Glaister

hall guy in the truest sense

Television

Stuart Jeffries

OU HAVE to admire Johnny Vaughan's pluck. First he spends hours of his life hostprogramme which encourpeople in Britain to flatter themselves they are film critics. Then he appears in Stu-dent Choice, a 10-minute slot which offers tips on how to get the best from student life. Now they land him in The Fall Guy (BBC2), a sort of Challenge Anneka without the intellectual demands.

Throughout it all he's used a saturical expression and a jutting, ironic kitsch-meister's jaw which say: "I'm bet-ter than this. I can do showbiz pastiche. Post-modern game shows, Jane Austen, at a pinch. Just give me a break." But it also says: "Please love me. Let me stay in your living rooms just a little longer.' On Channel 1 at the same time there's Frasier, an arch

echo of sophisticated screw-ball comedy; The Fall Guy, by contrast, resembles sitting in a pub next to a table of Z-list celebrities, sharing jokes that require only themselves as an

The concept is this; a studio guest seeks to take revenge on a friend or relation. The victim is inveigled to go to some eponymous fall guy (Danny Brown) poses as a magician or clown with the aim of or woman, Brown, through a secret earpiece, is in touch with the studio where Vaughan and his guests (celebrity comics you've never heard of, real life magi-

cians you've never heard of) bark instructions. In one bout of humiliation. a man gave his tie to the codmagician; through the earpiece, top magician Paul Zenon told Brown to cut the tie in two and put it in the magic bag. He then doused the thing in water and handed back the wet pieces of tie. What had Matt Dobbin done to deserve this? According to his work colleague Rachel Mallet: "He can't stand people

would seek justified revenge. The revenge concept had gone horribly wrong, and this was just the first episode. It was Jeremy Beadle with a pur-portedly righteous attitude; but it wouldn't be commissioned even for a three-min-ute weekly slot on Richard And Judy because it is too witless.

Beyond the show's particular hopelessness is the larger question: what is BBC2 doing? Hasn't it got Friday night scheduling all wrong? For this show is surely postpub entertainment: if you've pent the evening boozing then you might find this amusing; at 10pm, though, its target audience is still out getting tanked up. Pulp Video (BBC2) isn't

etter, but at least it has the wit to look cheaper. Even the usually reliable stand-up Fred Macaulay told a story involving putting his hand up a dog's backside. The bastard offspring of Naked Video, Pulp Video crams as many sketches into half an hour as The Fast Show, with the bold touch of making only three of

them funny. If you're going to make fun of the risible Ferrero Rocher ad, the punchline cannot consist of a woman with chocolate smeared around her mouth saying: "With these chocolates, monsieur, you are really spoiling us." Not in who can't laugh at themselves | this world.

Mrs Wood's magic mix

Radio

Anne Karpf

LEASURE is a serious business, according to the women in Sound Sirens, Radio 1's docu mentary on female DJs. They may talk of girls and boys, but the club world is no playground and advancement her it appears, rests as much on male buddyness as it does in Westminster — even if you se on by sharing a line of coke in the men's loo rather than a

ion; that their values rise and

fall with sickening speed. No

equivalent of the share-price listings or the currency ex-change rates tracks their pro-

puts up real (or not, in Bond's

case) money can investors be

assured that their asset bus

This volatility would be off-

putting enough for anyone lacking the steellest nerves

but it is exacerbated by the

fact that "opinion" invest-ments soar in value right at

the end of an economic boom.

The tidal wave of speculation

gress; only when, as in No-

vember 1987, a real person

held its price.

It was dispiriting to find that sexual mequality had penetrated even into rave culture and one unfortunate byproduct is the kind of go-getting, women-are-great, sassy sister argot extruding from DJ Debra, who presented this pro-gramme. So relentless was her nsistence that women shouldn't brook rebuttal that one half expected Margaret Thatcher to fetch up some-

where here too, rapping away with steely certainty about the duty to "Rejoice!" But soon this turned into a more nuanced and intelligent relationship with technology and culture. You only had to hear the monikers of some of

the DJs featured - Tashs Killer Pussies, Smokin' Jo and Princess Julia — to realise how far women DJs had embraced postmodern

playfulness. My favourite was Mrs Wood ("I play bitumen-twisted techno music''), not a house wife from Barnsley, but a single parent who told hilarl-ous stories of trying to combine the domestic and the ec-static, bundling her baby along to raves and breastfeeding him before and after her hard techno sets. Another tried out her remixes on her kid, reckoning that if he jigged up and down, this augured success among the ravers, with their kid-like gusts of high en-ergy. A third integrated her domestic life into her remixes: particularly effective was "Babewash" with its washing-machine cycle loop and the repeated sound of the slam-ming of the washing-machine

door.
The technology involved in bome or studio remixing may be simple, but the dance-club world is a place of big money and flash machines: according to one female DJ, the deck in most clubs resembles a Boeing 747, and their tales of getting the first break were pure 42nd Street. The programme itself was elaborately mixed, full of great sounds, directed with panache by

trainee with this, her first

production. Radio 4's Wednesday Late Night Opening comedy slot has so far proved to be wildly uneven, with too many arch, limp efforts desperately seeking cultishness. But the new six-parter My Life As A Car i a gem. Mark Wallington's ac-count of a young man's life via his relationship with cars is classic rites of passage stuff, but with a deliciously light touch. Barry is (he thinks) the only virgin left on the planet, and plans to change this on the back seat of his Dad's well-upals driving test. The object of his amours is Lucy, a market researcher, with whom all con versation takes the form of multiple choice questions. Barry's parents, meanwhile, are greetings-card makers, er in search of tincreasingly

bizarre) possible situations which could be commemorated with a greetings card. Wallington has a natural ear for the comic conflicts of family life and is beautifully served by Phil Daniels, who is without rival in sounding simultaneously baffled and knowing, as the narrating Barry. John Rolph produces with flair. I can't remember when I last listened to a programme while grinning from ear to ear.

Hot tips

HEADSTATE A bit of Weish cuiture at lunchtime — and we don't mean Max Boyce. A throbbing. neat-poisoning, drug-addled multi-media shagathon. Like the iestival itself, really. Cale Graffiti 12.30pm, 0131-557 8330.

to the listed building, its ownership — it is council

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L'ESPLENDIDA VERGONYA DEL FET MAL FET Here is a hint of opera, a smidgeon of circus, a dash of dance and a strolling pianola in Carles Santos's Catalan

corker. King's Theatre, 8pm, 0131-225 5758

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DAVID STRASSMAN Ventriloquism is cool! Demon mannequin Chuck Wood eclipses 100 years ol sub-music-hall hell with a steaming stream of invective and eyes . . , that move . . on their own! Spiegeitent, 10.30pm, 0131-558 1072.

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Baryshnikov the brilliant

HEN Mikhail Barysh-nikov set up his White Oak Dance Project in beauty as breathtaking as 1990 he said he'd only keep it going for as long as he and his dancers were enjoying themselves. Twenty-two tours later at the Coliseum the company

look better than ever. Baryshnikov himself appears cheerfully immune to the passing years. He may be 48 and he may not be able to spin the wild leaps and pirouettes of his youth - but the transparent clarity of his danc-

music of the dance with a beauty as breathtaking as any llying jete. During White Oak's current London season two of the three works he dances are solos and his small, intent body dominates the stage with a mesmerising authority. The controlled thrust of a leg, the grand sweep of an arm, the slow arc of a jump can make him look six foot tall, while the drama with which he invests his dancing generates a hum of rich imagery. In Chaconne,

Jose Limon's 1942 classic, he dances the Spanish-milected moves with the ancient passion of a flamenco dancer. When he lifts his arms slowly above his head he registers a brutal kind of nobility even while his hands caress with the air with exquisite delicacy and you can almost see dark flames flickering around his fast, aristocratic footwork. The other solo is Mark Morris's Three Russian Preludes, set to piano preludes by Shost

looks like a character from Gogol. Wearing an old fashioned waistcoat and trousers he is like a Russian provincial welcoming you into his home. But then Morris sends him on a long monologue, where he loses himself in boyish folk dancing, gentle nostalgia and flashes of temperamental dis-play — the dancing a fascinating play of dark and light, sharp ingles and yearning curves. Baryshnikov nearly always lances a dream in Morris's choreography but takes con-stant risks with the rest of his repertoire. Cunningham's

1953 Septet is probably the saf-

novice choreographers. Quiet As It's Kept — a hot, or iental vision set to Villa Lobos made by company member Ruthlyn Solomons — suffers from too many slinky oriental cliches but it establishes an intriguingly subversive atmosphere between its four female dancers. What A Beauty, by Kraig Patterson, is a completely unexpected interpreta-tion of Smetena's From My Life Quartet. Neither reach the heights of the rest of the programme, but they are danced as if they were classics. A great and generous company of artists.

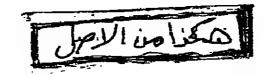
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set to plano preludes by Shosta-kovitch, and here Baryshnikov but there are also two works by

Monsignor Pierre Claverie

_asting belief in Algeria

terrorist attack in Algeria, always approached roadblocks with confidence. As he slowed down and wound geot 205, he would introduce himself simply as "the Christian sheikh"

ular soldier or Islamic guard. would wave him on with the respect usually reserved for an Al Haj — an elder who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca. Msgr Claverie, Roman Cath-

olic Bishop of Oran for 15 years, was, intellectually, a moving target who irritated Rome as frequently as Algeria's Islamic fundamentalists For the Islamic terrorists who istomated the bomb which killed him and his driver, he was a high-profile target. The attack happened outside his office, as he returned from a meeting with the visiting French foreign minister. Herve de Charette.

The two men had discussed the safety of the 300 French clergy and members of religious orders who remain in Al-geria despite threats from Islamic terrorists.

Born in Algeria of a French

ied-noir" expatriate family, Claverie grew up in the work-ing class area of Bal-el-Qued, in the Algiers. Like other French citizens, he spent his childhood in the "colonial bubble" of French-ruled Algeria. Describing his childhood, he wrote: "It was not that there were no links between the two worlds; but my sphere was a "bubble" in which one was ignorant of others. They were part of the scenery or the decor

of my existence. "One day, it hit me. I had grown up a Christian and heard the preaching about lov-ing my fellow human beings. But no one ever said the Arabs were my fellow beings." around be served in the chill of

Samways was married He went to France to study twice, to Helene Logan from theology at the Dominican fac 1917 to 1958, and later to Olive ulty of Saulchoir and to learn Field. He had a son and a Quent Arabic. While he was at daugher by his first marriage. He published his autobiograa seminary in Paris the Algerian war broke out and he phy, The Road to Greyfriars, pelped hide independence fighters from the police. Ordained in 1965, he

returned to Algeria, arguing that he belonged to the Algerian Church, part of the Con-ference of Maghreb — the Roman Catholic churches in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Libya. But in post-indepen-dence Algeria there was little room for Roman Catholic priests and Claverie became a lecturer in classical Arabic at the University of Algiers, His students, from the Algerian elite, had grown up speaking French and had a poor grasp of their own language. He also ministered to some of the country's 40,000 Roman Catholics - now fewer than 25,000 - and spoke out against corruption and the pauperisation of the

population. In 1981, he became Bishop of Oran — an appointment which John Paul II was, at times, to regret. Claverie made an increasing number of political statements and, at one time, was dubbed "the eradicator" by Rome because he appeared to favour the military status quo over the rise of Islamic fundamentalism

By 1992, after the military cancelled elections which were



Pierre Claverie . . . tolerance

set to bring fundamentalists to power. Claverie had become firmly labelled an enemy of Islam. In 1995, he condemned talks between opposition par-ties and the then Islamic Salva-tion Front (FIS). In his Leures Et Messages d'Algèrie, published this year, he wrote: "My murder would be a great coup. But must I leave and thus expose others to the same dan-The question was rhetor ical, for Claverie considered leaving Algeria unthinkable: "That would be a signal that it ls impossible for people of different faiths and cultures to

live together. Alex Deval Smith

Pierre Lucien Claverie, Bishop of Oran, born May 8, 1938; died

Hear the school assembly bell solemn bell! What a glut of gloomy thoughts its monodies THE PHAPALLER AND DRIVING MECHAMISM FOR OUR FREE CIFT AEROPLAME WILL BE FOUND ALKERT WEEK'S "MAGNET thoughts us moreones compel! In the solemn morning light, How we shiver with affright, At the melancholy menace of It means some silly duffer Must a public flogging suffer with a groan! UST how many young readers of the Magnet

(price 2d every Mon-day) would have ap-preciated that this parody of the poet of doom. Edgar Allan Poe, did not seem to worry the editor of that well-established boys' weekly back in 1925. In fact, the poetical par-odist George Samways, who has died aged 101, had not only been a faithful reader himself since the first issue, which his newsagent mother had sent him on February 15, 1908, he had for a while been a sub-

G R Samways

its tone!

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editor of the Magnet. Moreover, he had actually written quite a number of the so-called "book length novels" when the crestor of the Greyfriars School and the Famou Five of the Remove, Charles Hamilton (writing as Frank Richards) had missed his deadline.

The Greyfriars Bells was but one of the regular burlesque verses that formed part of The Greyfriars Herald, a four-page 'school magazine" which formed a pull-out supplement to the Magnet. Supposedly written by Dick Penfold, the written by Dick Francis, the school swort, it was actually the work of G R Samways, a bril-liant and witty writer who served on the staff of the publisher Alfred Harmsworth's Amalgamated Press from 1914 to 1921, then as a freelance for

many more years. George Richmond Samways was born in the village of Kingsclere, Hampshire, and was educated as a boarder at the beautiful but extremely strict King Edward VI School in Witley, Surrey. While such popular boys' papers as Chums and the Captain — the latter featuring school stories by the tyro P G Wodehouse - were tolerated, the lower class products of Amalgamated Press were condemned by the headmaster as little better than Vic torian "penny dreadfuls". This ban only inspired young Samways to form a small study group to which he read chapters of his mother's weekly packet, a practice which unwittingly gave him the ground ing for many years of author-

His first taste of professiona writing came when he helped the head's wife win a five shillling postal order from Home Chat, by supplying her with a last line in a limerick competi-



Spiffing way of working

tion. This would also prove a shadow of things to come, for the second half of Samways' career was as a professional contest solver for the many competitions run in such pre ar magazines as John Bull and Tit-Bits.

The final pre-scho of his future came when he started his own unofficial school mag azines, for which he compose ery light verse. His partner it this enterprise was his class-mate, Harold Twyman, who would later follow Samways to the A P and eventually become the editor of Detective Weekly. which starred Sexton Bloke. This school mag would in time inspire the creation of two fully fictional school mags for the Magnet and its companion paper, the Gem. For this strik-

weekly, Samways produced the four-page pull-out, the St Leaving school at 16, Sam-ways became a clerk in Southa, but finding office work no exactly inspiration to his per-sonal muse, he knocked off some verses in praise of his

ingly similar school story

favourite weekly, and sout hem to the editor of the Magnet: A few weeks later, the m was published — and, as if this was not joy enough, there came a cheque in the post

Inspired Samways wrote a iozen poems, each one about a lifferent Greyfriars hero. ranging from the headmaster, Dr Locke, and the Master of the Remove, Mr Quelch, down

Hamilton, the author behind the pen name of Frank Richards, was absent on holiday in France. Could Samways have a shot? After all, he obviously new the characters well, to judge by his verses. Samways rented a room nearby, and half the story. On Monday morning the editor beamed in approval, and packed his new

did. It seemed that Charles

'If I were eggspelled, Greyfriars would go to the bow-wows. I'd use my inflewence to get the name changed to St Billy's'

through the shoolboys Harry Wharton and Co to the famously frabjouis fat frump, Billy Bunter. A cheque for six guin-eas soon rolled in, together with an order for 12 more verses about the stars of St lim's of the Gero.

Soon came a fateful teleram: would Mr Samways care to call at the Magnet office, lease? Samways cared, and

author off to finish it. A few weeks later, Samways' first story, The Reign of Terror, ap peared — under the name of Frank Richards, of course. Samways had made the star-tling sum of 15 guineas, and had changed his life.

In the next few years us a staff writer, Samways wrote about 200 Greyfriers storie taking some time out for the

first world war, during which he served in the Royal Flying Corps. Stationed in Adastral House, London, he penned a number of war poems, some of which were published as the book, Ballads of the Flying Corps.
After the war, Samways

returned to the thriving hive o Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, where new eacetime publications were burgeoning and old favourite were being given a facelift. He proposed the brilliant idea of the school magazine supple-ments, which would give the fictional public schools and their pupils even more credibility to their readers. Writing in several different styles, Samways pretended each article was by a different pupil from editor Harry Wharton down to the amazing misspell-ings by Billy Bunter: "If I were eggspelled, Greyfriars would go to the bow-wows. When I'm a prosperus Old Boy, I shall use my inflewence to get the name changed from Greyfriars to St

Perhans Samways' best-

children's writer, born January 14, 1895; died August 8, 1996

George Richmond Samways,

remembered creation was the school of St Sam's, ruled over

by the fiercely-bearded Dr Bir chemall, and featuring Mr

Fourth, and his popular pupil

Jack Jolly and Frank Fearless

However, as with all Samway work for the A P, even this

long-running series was pub-

Samways resigned from the staff in 1921, continuing to free

ance while acting as "compe

tition solutionist" until the the

back into the RAF. This time

second world war brought him

lished under a pen name,

Dicky Nugent.

Denis Gifford

Lickham, the Master of the

Harold C Fox

Cloth cut to zoot a mood

AROLD C Fox, who has died aged 86, was the Chicago clothier who always claimed that the zoot suit and its bizarre name were his invention. Whether the zoot suit evolved or was created is one of those arcane subjects which, when two or three fashion historians are gathered together, has them arguing into the small hours. Either way, al-though only briefly fashionable, the suit had influence.

Outrageously theatrical in cut - its jacket draped almost to the knee, its shoulders so wide that they sagged, its high-waisted pants hoisted almost to the armpits, all set off by the ubiquitous and ludicrously long watch chain dangling provocatively halfway down the leg — it was not elegant. But it was spirited. It was also guaranteed to enrage the guardians of public morals, especially as it was worn almost exclusively by young black and Hispanic music and fashion freaks, for whom it was the dress of noncomformity. In fact, they made the zoot suit a political weapon in wartime America. It was immediately seen by the au-thorities as the dress of alienation, its outrageous self-confidence a threat to stability at a time when the war effort required conformity.

It was a sharp and salutary reminder that not everyone was so in love with the patriotic concept of saving the American way of life that they were prepared to jettison their own culture for the sake of what was, for many, an alien and hostile state. Fox was born into 1920s Chi-

cago, the son of a factory owner who produced woollen piece-goods. The men who mattered in that city, even the honest ones, were very conscious of their second city status compared with New York. They lived the style and dressed the part to try to show the world their superiority. In such a style-conscious

city, a boy with a rag-trade background could not fail to be



Zooted . . . Spike Lee (left) and Denzil Washington in Malcolm X

interested in fashion. For, earning a living as a salesman and itinerant jazz musician, occasionally made suits for his band from bolts of cloth he obtained on the cheap from his father. From such beginnings were careers made in those days. Fox became a designer when he returned from New York to take over the family business on the death of his father in 1941. He had a flam-boyant hand which appealed to the music fraternity, with whom he still occasionally

played — even briefly leading a local band himself - and he soon had a devoted clientele of boppers and players, including Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gilles-pie and Stan Kenton. But it is for the zoot suit that Fox

wished to be remembered.

And it was for the suit that people were ready to fight. There were bitter street battles between police and groups of young men determined not to let the war effort overwhelm their cultural pride. It was the first example of ethnic armour.

prevalent in evangelical

churches. Post-evangelicals

ne nirst call to arms in the in battle of the century: the war between youth and authority.
If FOX created the soot sult,

And it was more. The riots that

swept through working class Los Angeles and Detroit were

he was a seminal, if minor, fig-tire in social as well as fashion history. In its country of origin, the suit lasted as a fashion for fewer than five years, killed by the conformity of white American teenagers, although its influence on French youth was more permanent. It became their dress of defiance in the face of the Nazi occupation.

N BRITAIN, it was taken up by the wide boys and spivs, then guyed by music hall comics such as "Arfer" English before becoming the emplate for the Teddy Boy suit in the 1950s, when working-class young men decided to dress in a way that would ridicule the upper-class posturings of the New Edward

From there, it has frequently resurfaced as part of the dress of disaffection and the classic garb of workingclass male nonconformity and as such, worthy — along with the name of Fox himself — of discussion by more than just fashion historians.

Colin McDowell

Herold C Fox, fashion designer and musician, born July 9, 1910; died July 28, 1996

The plain fact is that most of

the population never dream of

Weekend Birthdays



IF ONLY there were a court, non-royal, of course, that would appoint Elvis Costello, 41 tomorrow, as Konzertmeister. No more critics, interviews, remarks about eclectic sources; just the orders coming in weekly for three lyr ics by Tuesday for the fête

champètre, and a furious num ber for the Graff's boose binge on Friday night, and we have these four guest string-players please write something round them. And such musical arrangements being historically 17th or 18th century, there'd be none of those demands which the Romantics imposed on all artists after them — especially jazzers and rockers — to make one perfect record and then die. The court just wanted rest ular quantities of music, all angst to be suffered strictly in

the employee's own time. Kon-

subjects it would like to

have any problems with output (he says, "I don't release enough — you only get one life"); the organisation — his South Benk Meltilown minifest came off neatly last year; or the adaptability — you want the killer dweeb in the hornrims from ball doing guilt and revenge ("still same pretty in-suits left") or the man in the floral Tana lawn shirt who can singalonga Tony Bennett? First of all you get the job, then you get the form right, then the feeling follows.

Today's birthdays:

Paul Barker, writer and broadcaster, 61; Liz Bavidge, co-chair, Women's National Commission 51: Donald Butcher, chairman, United Kingdom Shareholders Associ ation, 67; A S Byatt, novelist, 60; Charles Causley, poet and broadcaster, 79; Carlo Curley, organist, 44; Clifford Forsythe, Ulster Unionist MP, 67; Stephen Fry, actor, writar, 39; Mildred Gordon, Labour MP, 73; Jean-Michel Jarre, composer, 48; Georgina Livingston, landscape architect, 56; Richard Meale, composer, 64; Madsen Pirie, president, Adam Smith Institute, 56; Christopher Rodrigues, chief executive, Bradford and Bingley Building Society, 47; Brian Spring, jazz drummer, 50; Sam Torrance, golfer, 43.

Martin Amis, novelist, 47; Jonathan Ashley-Smith, conservationist, 50; Sikander Bekht, cricketer, 39; Conrad Black, chairman, Daily and Sunday Telegraph, 52; Sean Connery, actor, 66; Prederick Forsyth, povelist, 58; Lisa Harrow, actress, 53; Howard Jacobson, povelist and critic. 54; Karl Korte, composer, 68; Margaret Rothwell, ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire, Nigar and Burkina, 58; Wayne Shorter, saxophonist, com-

In Memoriam

COOPER, Chris. A reunion of triends is being held today on the River Thomes and at Keve Caurians, on the 10th enniversary of Chris's death on August 24th 1985 at the age of 32. She was working as an acronosal to Pyraera. Honduras, Contral America and sea billed in a car excited white leaching a local farmer to drive, as part of her job to develop a nange of skills in the village. There is also today a remembrance in Praera, and season and the drive in the village. There is also today a remembrance in Praera, and season in the Tole with a group of tried for they sears in the 75e with a group of trieds. Nor memory is util vary much silven.

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Face to Faith

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Pub open to interpretation

Dave Tomilmson URING the past year, a debate has raged in evangelical circles concerning a book I wrote, entitled The Post-Evangelical Evangelicalism, the "born again" branch of the church, has always had something of a revolving door — lots of people enter the movement, but plenty drop out as well. Most of the drop outs have tended either to shift to some other section of the church, or simply give up church-going

altogether.
But a different constituency has emerged over the last two or three years, comprised of disaffected evangelicals who, rather than departing for some other tradition, want their evangelical faith to evolve into something they can identify with more whelsh navedly wholeheartedly.

people tend to be strongly in-

fluenced by postmodernist culture and, quite frankly, none of the other Christian traditions are any better adjusted to this culture than evangelicalism, so there isn't really anywhere for these

people to go.
Since the book was
launched at last year's Greenbelt, the Christian arts festival which runs this weekend,
where it quickly sold out, the where it quickly sold out, the public debate has intensified, with prominent evangelicals attacking the book and trying to discredit it. Nine months after the book's release, a highly-respected Christian periodical revealed that 25 per cent of their readers now described themselves

as post-evangelical.
Almost the entire evangelical credo is under review by post-evangelicals, although the impetus of this new phethe impetus of this new phe-nomenon probably stems from a profound irritation that many people feel towards the evalueitial sub-culture. Due to the negative attitude that evangelicals have towards "secular" culture, a "Christian" ghetto thrives on imitations of the real world with things like "Christian" music and "Christian" radio stations. Post-evangelicals see much of this to be rather nail, and prefer to engage more positively with mainstream

calture. However, the problems run much deeper. In evangelical churches everyone appears completely certain that theirs is the only real truth to tell. Post evangelicals object to this sense of certainty, they believe in divine truth, but hold that there are virtually no human certainties. Needless to say, this affects the way they treat the Bible because, if it is part of this

complex world of human un-certainty and ambiguity, this

necessitates a radical re-appraisal of the notion of bib-lical infalliability which is

ulture, even postmodern

see scripture as mediating rather than being the word of God—as such, there can be no escape from the inherent ambiguities of human language. Verbal propositions such as doctrines and creeds, recoin a crucial part of a post-evangelical quest for divine truth. But even these must be treated as symbols of truth (an early definition of "creed"), rather than the truth itself, and therefore in need of constant reinterpretation. There is also the vexed

question of moral issues. Evangelicals are famously ervative with regard to morality, as anyone who expresses even a moderately pro-choice position on abortion, or who admits to being gay, can confirm. Such prepacked morality is unacceptable to post-evangeli-cals, who contend that few, if

any, issues can be readily reduced to black and white conclusions. Dealing with the real world is unavoidably a messy business — but, after all, the gospel is about just Post-evangelicals are also setting about rethinking the traditional notion of church.

sphere with people sitting around tables rather than in rows; smoking and drinking are permitted, there are no

going to church. This has led impower the clergy and dissome of us in south London to some or us in south London to experiment with a more radi-cal approach by holding meet-ings on Tuesday nights in a pub. These are invariably con-ducted in a relaxed atmoempower ordinary people — especially those who are unfamiliar with church archi-tecture and church culture. Yet if the church is to have any sustained life or relevant in the 21st century, this must be reversed; we must cease being monuments to our past and find fresh ways of facilipreachers, sermons or bymns and the group decides what

age attack on my book, an On the whole, churches evangelical academic complains that post-evangelicals define themselves negatively (in terms of what they are not) However, many of us see this as an advantage; the fact that we are post-evangelical is, to us, an exciting statement of being on a journey whose des-tination is not yet entirely

clear. Post-evangelicals value the past; tradition is important in

a world of uncertainty. But faith journeys. In a recent savsurely, tradition should be seen as a fund out of which the Christian journey is resourced, and not as a permanent limitation on where that journey might lead?

> Dave Tomlinson, the author of The Post-Evengelical, is leader of "Holy Joes", an unconventional Christian group meeting in a south London pub. and is a member of St Luke's,

Doonesbury









Money Guardian.

Which plays its cards Spreading a little Abbeyness to

Consumers' Association moves into credit market

Richard Miles and Paul Sinde

HE Consumers' Association moved in on the already crowded credit card marwith the launch of two Visa cards under its Which?

Choosing a credit card has never been trickier. The past year has seen a flood of new cards into the UK as American companies spotted the chance to undercut steep rates charged by high street

But what they give with one hand they can take with the other. Many of the new cards sting customers with heavy annual charges or cut the period before interest charges kick in on money

With such a diverse range of charges and interest rates on offer, comparing the true costs of one card against another has become practically impossible. This week's four entrants, who which include two shopping centres, neatly illustrate the consumer's plight. The Consumers' Association, shrugging off criticism that it risks com-promising its independence, has come up with two run-ofthe-mill Visa cards. Its Classic and Gold cards both come with 56 days' interest-free

credit, and no annual fee. The interest charged on the Classic card, an annual percentage rate (APR) of 18.9 is three times the 5.75 per cent bank base lending rate - though there is a sixmonth introductory rate of 13.9 APR. People with an 620 000 can take out the

How the charges compare

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APR, or 11.9 per cent in the

Payment terms are identical for this week's second new piece of plastic, a Visa card from the Prince's Square shopping centre in Glasgow. This is because both the Which? and the Prince's Square cards have been developed by the US-owned Beneficial Bank.

But the third card, a jointly-branded MasterCard from Royal Bank of Scotland and American Airlines, car-ries a hefty £35 annual fee. The APR, 14.8 per cent, is lower than most of the high street banks' cards, which typically charge around 22 APR, but it rises to 18.7 per cent on August 1, 1997. The Royal Bank AAdvan-

tage card also has a far shorter interest-free credit period, at 19 days for full repayment or 25 days otherwise. So you start paying interest that much sooner. And last but not least, an-

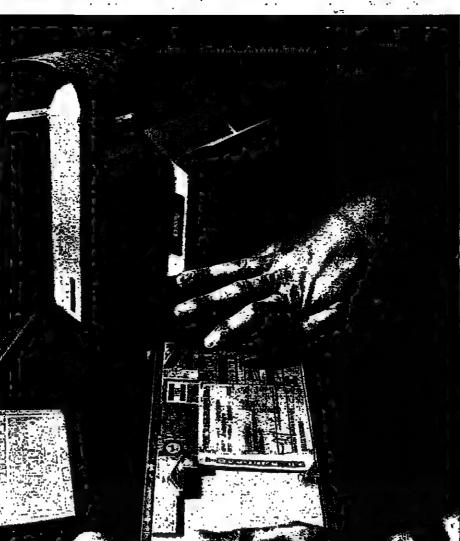
other Visa card, this time from the Lakeside shopping centre in Thurrock, Essex. This has the highest APR at 20.2 per cent, but the interest free period is at 56 days and

tage card proved the most ex-pensive on an estimate of the cost to a new customer who spent £1,200 over 12 months, assuming £100 monthly spend but 250 monthly repayment. At more than £80, it costs almost twice as much as the other cards. "This is be-cause of our annual £35 fee," admits a Royal Bank of Scot-

land spokeswoman.
'The Which? card shares the top position with Prince's Square, but the interest on these cards rises after the in-troductory periods. And these are by no means the cheapest on the market. For cheaper deals, take a look at Fleming/Save & Prosper's no-fee card, which has an APR of just 11.2 per cent. Even Midland Bank is offering an introductory rate of 11.9 per cent on its Visa and ManterCards.

And there is a bidden catch with the Consumers' Association plastic - you must be a member of the association to qualify. That means subscribing to one or more Which? guides each year which some might consider a

card, with a lower APR of 16.9 The Royal Bank AAdvan- Margaret Maghes



N&P members

HARES or a cash offer Sworth an average
£1,400 will drop
through the letterboxes of
some 1.3 million National

the next few days.
It is part of a £1.35 billion bonus promised by Abbey National to N&P members for giving their support to its takeover, which was of-ficially cleared earlier this

month. The bulk of the bonuses, around £875 million, will be paid as cash to savers ad held an account with N&P for more than two years when the deal with Abbey National ced in April

The remaining lion will be uted as Abbey National

and savers who had held acyears, though some qualify ng savers have also opted.

Bach of the 685,000 mayers who have plumped for cash will receive a fixed amount of £750, plus an extra payment equivalent to 7.75 per cent of their account's balance on either April 26 last year or August 4 this year, whichever is lower. The money will be redited directly to their Abbey National accounts tomorrow. Withdrawals will be pen-

alty-free for savers with a notice account. For qualitying Tessa-holders, Abbey National will automatically open an Instant Sever account if they do not already have one. Abbey National shares worth £500 will be despatched to around 488,000 N&P bor-Suitable deal . . . Varying offers make it hard to choose a card PHOTOGRAPH SEAN SMITH | BAVERS between next Tues | plus stock," he says.

day and the following Mon-day. Each will receive 89

A further 184,000 N&P
A further 184,000 N&P
members, all qualifying
savers, will get shares
worth 2750 plus more shares equivalent to 7.75 per cent of their account's balance, putting them on a par with savers who opted for cash.

All new shareholders will also be eligible for an interim dividend payment of 8.7p per share, due on October 7.

A statutory bonus worth another £3 million will be divided among 670,000 N&P members who were either under the age of 18 on April 11 this year or had less than £100 in their accounts at the end of last year. The av-

erage payment i Some 665,000 savers will each National is writing to its receive £750

new mem-bers to explain how their bonuses are calculated.

The bank says it is heartened that 22 per cent of twoyear qualifying savers have opted to take shares rather than cash. Top stockbrokers have urged new shareholders to hold on to the stock. Typically in such large share issues, some 20 per cent sell their stock on the first day of

trading. Brian Tora of Greig Middicton says: "Abbey National has more than 10 per cent of the [mortgage] market and there are still big cost savings to come. It does not have the big debts of other banks."

But banking analyst John Aitken, of investment bank UBS, warns that the Abbey National share price might temporarily weaken when trading begins. "Institutions are underweight in Abbey National, so they

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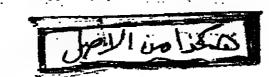
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Vacationing abroad remains hazardous even if you do get the break you booked and pay tour operators' often inflated insurance premiums

Holiday prices stay high as OFT drags feet

OLIDAYMAKERS could miss out on big reductions in holiance premiums next summe unless the Office of Fair Trading speeds up its investigation into the £5 billion travel industry, say independent travel agents and specialist insurers.

Two years ago the OFT gave the travel trade a clean bill of health, but renewed allegations of unfair competition prompted a review of those findings and the OFT was expected to publish the results at the end of last year. Eight months later holidaymakers, travel agents and insurers are still waiting for a verdict which could prompt greater

competition and lower prices According to an OPT spokesman, their findings will be published within the next two months, but that could be too late for holidaymakers who are booking now for next

The OFT says the delay has en caused by "sensitive legal procedures, and it is still possible that the Director-General of Fair Trading could refer the ownership of travel agencies like Lunn Poly and Going Places by tour operators such as Thomson and Air tours to the Monopolies and

Independent travel agents claim that holidaymakers are offered a very restricted range of holidays by the major operators, mainly those provided by their parent companies. The big operators are, at least expected to be asked to give the Director-General assur-ances that they allow competi-

tors greater access to their travel agencies. The OFT is likely to take an even tougher line on "conditional" selling: where holiday-makers must buy the travel agent's insurance cover to get a particular holiday or discount. It is common knowl-edge within the trade that travel agents make more out of selling insurance policies a £400 million a year business—than they do from holidays.
The policy offered at the

point of sale can sometimes be more than twice the price of cower bought separately from companies such as Direct Line or specialist travel insur ers like WorldCover Direct, Columbus or Club Direct.

invariably, policies sold through agents offer standard-ised cover which cannot be extended or altered to meet the holidaymaker's real needs. Travel policy small print is also under the microscope and the OFT may demand an end to jargon and unclear terms or exclusions in policies However, alternatives are emerging to the policies sold



Honeymoon bitch . . . all Greek to Louise Brown and Phil Howarth PHOTOGRAPH:DON MCPHE

for instance, promises to in-sure for a wide range of medical conditions, provided travel is not considered detrimental to the applicant's health, while WorldCover Direct has launched the first travel policy priced according to the exact number of days abroad and countries visited

But while tour operators are complaining that the in-

vestigation is taking up too much of their executives' time, specialist insurers are angry that have not been asked by the OFT for their views. "An end to conditional selling would open up the market and bring huge bene fits for holidaymakers in terms of wide cover at cheaper prices," says Jonathan Biles, chief executive of WorldCover

Direct, "So I find it remarkable that the OFT does not want to talk to us."
If conditional selling is nanned, most of the large direct and composite insurer are expected to bid for a slice of the market by launching their own policies, despite the fact that travel insurance is notoriously prone to fraudu-

Travel firms under fire over nightmare deals

Paul Slade

OUR operators are under fire for failing to compensate holiday-makers for delayed and can-

celled trips.
As thousands joined the Bank Holiday exodus, travel firms were accused of causing alrort delays by promising a "vastly over-optimistic" pro-gramme of flights which took no account air traffic control delays. The Consumers Association criticised firms for offering madequate com-

The holiday firm First Choice waited until the night before a Manchester couple's wedding to tell them that their honeymoon was cancelled, de spite having known of the

roblem three months earlier. Phil Howarth and Louise Brown were refunded the £740 they paid, with only £25 each in compensation. They booked their trip to the Greek island of Kalymnos through the Going Places travel agency in January, planning to fly out on June 26. At the end of March, First Choice was told the accommodation booked was no longer available. But problems with the company's computer meant this informa tion was "lost" for three

months.
The first Mr Howarth and Ms Brown knew of the prob-lem was at 5.20pm on June 21, when Going Places called to eay the trip was off. Going Places told Mr

Howarth that First Choice had cancelled the holiday, giving no explanation. Kate Al-dridge of Going Places says the agency had had been in-formed only that afternoon that the contract between First Choice and the owner of

the apartment in Greece where the couple had been booked to stay was cancelled. Package holiday accommo-dation is often cancelled when the owner is offered more cash. British holidaymakers are usually at the end of the queue because other national ities are prepared to pay more. First Choice says about 1 per cent of its 2.8 million annual customers have to

witch accommodation First Choice offered Howarth and Brown another resort on the same island. But this meant booking into a holi-

day village. Maxine Caine of First Choice says the replacement accommodation was better. But Mr Howarth says; "The last thing we wanted was a holiday village." Mr Howarth and Ms Brown decided to cancel the First Choice booking, and arrange their trip with a rival company. They have complained to the industry organisation Abta.

Because they had to book the replacement before the refund arrived, Mr Howarth and Ms Brown were forced to pay by credit card. Mr Howarth says: "If we hadn't had that credit card available, we wouldn't have been able to have the holiday." While on Kalynmos, they had a chance to inspect the replacement accommodation they had been offered. "It wasn't particularly pleasant," Mr Howarth says. They were also puzzled to see "for rent" signs at the apartment block they had

originally booked.

They had told Going Places that the trip was to be a honey moon, but First Choice says his information never eached them.

Ms Caine says: "Sometimes that can make a difference. If someone's made a specific request that they want some where quiet, or they don't want to be surrounded by screaming kids, then we'd try and take that on board."

The manager of the Going Places branch in Manchester where the trip was booked. says the branch gets about a dozen similar cancellations very year.

Owners Abroad, the name by which First Choice was known until 1994, holds the record for the largest fine leved by Abta for offences against the organisation's code of conduct. In 1990, Abta fined Owners Abroad £105,000 for offences involving shortnotice cancellations.

Airtours angered holidaymakers this week when the
company added a last-minute
"flight supplement" of £30 to
the price of holidays.

Airtours says that by removing from travel agents' shelves brochures showing

Amex will now do nicely at all Sainsbury's outlets

Richard Miles

AINSBURY's has be-Scome the first major supermarket in Britain to accept American Express cards in all its stores. From September 2, Amex cards will be welcome at all superstores, petrol stations and

Customers who use Amex to pay for goods at Sains-bury's will receive double

duce new safeguards to protect its customers from the possibility of double charg-

the usual amount of membership reward points until the end of Com-

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card and personal loan accounts were highlighted again this week when Marks & Spencer announced that it will intro-

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ing when paying by direct

Due to an electronic glitch, some £5 million too much was deducted from the bank accounts of 41,000 M&S charge card and personal loan customers between August 10 and 12.

Similarly, Abbey National confirmed this week that around 10,000 mortgage ap-plications with National & Provincial could be delayed by up to a week because of the In a continuing effort to

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said that the backlog of appli-cations had been caused by

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deal was completed. Abbey National has promised to compensate homebuyers if they suffered a loss because

of the delay. Earlier this month Abbey National admitted that thou-sands of direct debit pay-ments for endowment mortgage premiums were accidently cancelled, rather than being amended, following the current takeover.

sion for its customers Barlcays Bank is planning to produce a newlook state-ment which, it hopes, will make understanding your finances as

asy as reading your morning newspaper.
The revamped statement will closely resemble the itemised section of a typical telephone bill, clearly spell ing out the date and method of payment. In the new statements banking jargon which has been used for the past 30 years will be discarded in favour of more consumer-friendly and readily under-

standable terms such as money-in and money-out. Barclays says it intends to start sending out the revamped statements to all its 11 million personal and nsiness customers in the New Year. The move follows a massive investment in new computer systems and

Battle to take Kepit hots up

Richard Miles

HR battle for control of Kepit, the ailing £500 million European privatisation investment trust, intensified this week as Henderson's TR European Growth fund upped its bid. Henderson's revised bid

effectively promises Kepit's 66,000 shareholders 102p for each pound invested in the trust, an improvement of approximately 8 per cent on the original offer. As Henderson wants to wind up Kepit, sharehold-ers will be asked to take

ash by the end of November or a combination of cash plus shares and warrants in the £165 million TRRG fand. But Kepit's board is also

considering proposals from nine other fund managers, including the incumbent Kleinwort Benson, which wants to convert the trust into a unit trust, enabling those shareholders who might want cash to take it. The other bidders are

Morgan Grenfell, Fidelity, Fleming, Guinness Flight, M&G, Invesco, Barings and Old Mutual. Kepit's board is likely to make its recommendation to shareholders within the next two weeks. A similar decision faces

investors who bought partly-paid shares in al Power and Power Gen in the final phase of privatisation last year. They must decide whether to pay the third and final

instalment by Thursday

September 12. The third instalment in 136p per share, while the price for PowerGen is slightly higher at 142p. Around 230,000 investors who opted for a discount will pay 121p and 127p.

The Government, aiming to raise £800 million from the final instalment, this week warned investors who

The board is also considering proposals from nine other fund managers

fail to stump up the cash that it will sell their shares and return the money less administrative fees. Cheques should reach the share registrars by Septem-

PowerGen's registrar is the Royal Bank of Scotland, while Lloyds Bank acts on behalf of National Power. Nominees and share shops have an extended deadline

Around £2.7 billion was raised with the first two intalments of Genco II. National Power and Power-gen were created when the Government split the old Central Electricity Generating Board and sold off 60 per cent of the share

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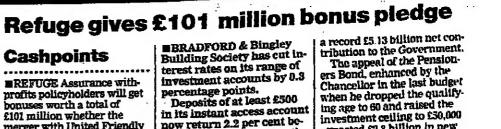
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boosted sales to £1.5 billion. ■PARENTS with Eagle Star household contents insurance can cover the possessions of their college-bound offspring for a flat £25. This covers theft of property up to £500 and up to £1,000 for damage to digs.

veiled a new fixed-interest savings bond paying 7 per cent before tax (5.6 per cent merger, claiming its terms give Refuge shareholders a poor deal. However stockbroker Mer-rill Lynch's life analyst net) on a minimum investment of £1,000, provided the cash remains on deposit until November 25, 1999. Roman Cizdyn said Perpetual was not powerful enough to prevent the merger and that ■NATIONAL Savings has filed its annual raport, posting ne expected it to proceed on the terms Refuge proposed.

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Taxing times on the way

New regime will shift burden from state to individual

Chris Chadburn

HE introduction of self-assessment in April 1997 is being sold by the Inland Revenue as very much a change for the better. Self-assessment, we are confidently told, will be 'more straightforward. It modernises and it is clearer and simpler and easier to understand."

No downsides at all." Per-haps not from "Hector the Inspector's" perspective, shifting as it will the assessment and collection burden of taxation from the state to

the taxpayer.
New rules are being intro-duced which will use automatic and fixed-interest surcharges and penalties to encourage taxpayers to fall into line. And self-assessment provides the opportunity to introduce powers which tax inspectors have longed for since the midseventies, when they first started seriously addressing non-compliance issues. A Code of Practice (number 11) "Enquiries Into Tax Returns by Local Tax Offices" has now been pro-duced by the Inland Reve-

In most respects the code simply translates existing practice into an amended egislative framework, but the fundamental changes that do arise will alter the whole thrust of how the Rev enue deals with non-

compliance. When looking at returns and accounts an inspector works on the presumption that they are basically correct, and therefore investigations will be undertaken only if there are sound reasons for believing

returns are suspect. Such reasons will be made clear to the taxpayer and his adviser at the outset. Grounds for dissatisfaction way be clear-cut — a bank has to provide details of interest to the authorities which may indicate, for example, that a taxpayer has hidden

accounts. They might be more nebulous — a car dealer's clearly lavish lifestyle not match ing the income he is showing from his business, for example. So one would have a good idea where the inspector is coming from when he or she decides to

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knowledges that, as self-as-

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pected of evading tax, the In-land Revenue anticipates

that up to 10,000 purely ran-

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be into individuals sus-

spector's challenge, and power to ob-tain information such as dom audits will be bank statements, is that a prima facie case has to be made out. Accordingly, speculative investigations should not arise. Not for much longer. From next April the inspec-

undertaken. So why should the honest taxpayer be concerned? First, there does seem to have been a significant erosion of our rights with very little public debate. In practical terms, any detailed review by the inspector in-volves the individual in time, trouble and expense Inquiries can now be made

those least able to cope. Many on low incomes and with minimal assets find it difficult to cope with the present system and are often unable to afford professional help. They are un-likely to welcome demands for voluminous returns, an inflexible surcharge/penalty regime and the attentions of inspectors armed with new powers.

into any person or busines and the chances that "it

could be you" are much higher than those of win-

ning the National Lottery.

The new powers make it easier for inspectors to

review larger or more com-plex cases and the Revenue

is committed to moving

more upmarket. They also acknowledge they need

'time to develop the skills

and techniques needed for more inquiries into such

cases". This sounds like

more time, trouble and expense for those eventually

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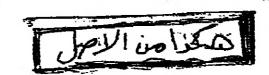
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New threat to Lloyd's deal

LOYD'S of London was yesterday facing a last-minute threat from two US state au surance market's £3.2 billion

rescue plan. The timing is critical because Lloyd's 34,000 Names have until noon on Wednesday to accept or reject the rescue deal. Ron Sandler, Lloyd's chief executive, told a court hearing in the US state of Virginia last week that without a settlement Lloyd's solvency was in doubt. In addition to that case, the attorneys-general of New York

HE LAST deep mine

yesterday after local miners decided

against an employee buy-out

The pit owners, RJB Min-

ing, immediately halted coal

production at Point of Ayr but

pledged support worth "sev-

of the 200 miners who wanted

to transfer to the company's

other pits in Yorkshire and

tants KPMG presented a

Both the National Union of

uties' union, Nacods, had

Mineworkers and the pit dep-

asked RJB to keep the mine in

operation while they investi-

gated ways of keeping it open. RJB had said it would accept

NUM lodge secretary Ber-

"great sadness" at the closure. He said the consultants'

mendation had not

Bill Rowell, RJB managing

director of deep mines, said the closure of Point of Ayr was especially sad because it had

played an important part in

last mine in the region.

of the miners, he said the

the local economy and was the

Paying tribute to the efforts

loss-making results at Point

of Ayr have been poor reward for an experienced and skilled

workforce". RJB said that one-third of

the workforce had expressed interest in working in other

company pits before the col-

lapse of the buy-out. That number was now expected to

Yorkshire colieries in groups.

If necessary, miners could work there for a month before

rise. Miners would visit the

£1,2 million for the mine.

nie Hanniewicz express

come as a surprise.

Moves to set up an employee

report confirming RJB's belief

the Midlands.

of the 130-year old collier

and Colorado are understood to be backing moves by Names in those states to pursue suits against Lloyd's, even though both states recently signed an agreement which effectively waived their rights to con-tinue legal action.

Some 36 states signed that deal and in return Lloyd's agreed to improve its compen-sation offer to US Names by 240 million. Lloyd's was last night

awaiting the outcome of the Virginian court case. Some 100 Names had asked for an injunction to delay the rescue plan. They had argued that the manner in which Lloyd's had

deciding on a final transfer. Those opting for redundancy

will receive up to £25,000.

sions to cover the cost.

If all 200 of the workforce

quit, RJB faces a bill of £4 million. The company said it had already taken financial provi-

The Point of Ayr mine was

mank in 1868, five miles east of

Prestatyn, to extract coal from

of sweeping cuts in the mining

industry, but the pit was one of several reprieved after a po-

litical storm sank the plans.

RJB said that despite changes to mining methods,

the pit had lost more than £5

million in the 19 months since it was acquired from British

Coal Last year the mine made

a £2.85 million operating loss

on output of 313,000 tonnes. In

the seven months to July the

RJB said last night that it

was reassuring that an inde-

firmed the company's views.

RJB shares rose 90 to 5250.

Blackened and battered

from more than 70 years of

hard labour, a piece of indus

trial history was hauled from

mining into the millermium.

ing operation, the 1,527 tonne

liery in South Yorkshire (pic-

It was replaced by multi-coloured, state-of-the-art ma-chinery which will reduce the

time it takes the pit's 700 min-

ers to get down the shaft and

be transported. The pit's owner, RJB Min-

ing, said the investment proved the once-doomed min-ing industry had a bright long-

term future — unlike the old winding gear which will be

louble the equipment that can

headsear at Harworth Col-

tured right) was dragged 20 metres from the shaft en-trance where it has stood

ince the 1920s.

In a military-style engineer-

rendent assessment of the

mine's prospects had con-

nine lost £2.15 million on

177.000 tonnes

under the river Dee. British Coal wanted to close it as part

Pit shuts as

miners drop

buy-out plan

Judge Robert Payne has in-dicated that, although he is reluctant to impose a full inrescue plan, he might make some concessions in favour of the Names — which could still

disrupt Lloyd's timetable.
A Lloyd's spokesman insisted that the rescue plan would not be derailed. "As far as we are concerned, we are proceeding with the implementation of the offer wherever we can. We will obviously respond to any legal actions as they arise." He added that acceptances of the deal were flooding in

from Names from all over the

world, although he declined to

The spokesman said that although some of the 46 Names resident in Colorado were believed to be preparing a legal challenge to Lloyd's, no law-suit had yet been filed. But an action has been filed in New York by some of that state's

The Lloyd's spokesman said: "That does not appear to be an attempt to stop the rescue plan." The New York Names appeared to want to stop Lloyd's from seizing their ssets in order to settle outstanding losses, he said. Lloyd's is particularly in-censed by the possibility of a legal challenge in Colorado,

cause it was that state's se-

spent more than 18 months constructing the rescue plan. It is designed to compensate the Names for the £8 billion sses which Llovd's incurre in the five years 1988-92. Central to the package is the creation of a reinsurance com-

pany, Equitas, into which Lloyd's old claims will be placed. In return for paying a final premium to Lloyd's. Names will be able to quit the market. They will almost cer-tainly never have to pay

Feighn, who led the negotia-tions which led to the recent deal with 38 states. The agree

ment covered more than 2,300 of the 2,700 US Names.

Lloyd's chiefs, led by chair-man David Rowland, have

Lloyd's another penny. Equi-tas's responsibilities would in clude policies written decades ago to cover US asbestosis and pollution, under which new claims continue to arise.

Michael Heath has quit as chief executive of World In-surance Network (WIN), which plans to launch elec

after five months in his post, writes Tony May. WIN chairman Dennis Ma-honey said Mr Heath, whose background is in the telecommunications industry, had de-cided to leave for personal reasons. WIN is owned by six of the world's largest insur-

the global insurance industry

week after a long sum-mer break can be forgiven if they have to rub their eyes when they look at what has happened to the market in their absence. Little more than five weeks ago, the FTSE 100 share index was showing its low for the year at 3632. At that point those who obeyed the old stock market proverb of selling in May and then go ing away might have felt congratulations and perhaps the odd bottle of bubbly were in

Not any more. Since the low point for the year on July 16, the index has powered 300 points higher with scarcely a backward glance. Yesterday the FTSE 100 topped 3900 for the first time. With the familiary of the first time. some in the market are alwhen the index will break through 4000.

The surge is put down to the "feel good factor", the pres-ence or absence of which seems to be tagged as the cause of everything from soaring share prices to Conservative party opinion poll ratings. In stock market terms the "feel good factor" is being de termined by a number of influences. Recent data points to a decent(ish) improvement in the economy and steady earn-ings growth and, despite concerns at the Bank of England,

not to raise US interest rates and by the Bundesbank to allow German rates to fall have provided additional im-The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, may not be able to

squeeze out another cut in in-terest rates before the next lection (indeed there is a risk that such a move would go down badly with the financial markets), but at least there is nothing in the immediate international outlook to force im to raise borrowing costs

Institutional investors are said to be flush with cash. The level of rights issues to date is only £1 billion below the total for 1995 but on current progress the outturn for the year is likely to be well short of 1994's £7.4-billion-worth of cash calls, to say nothing of the record-breaking £11.4

True there have been some chunky new issues (British Energy, Dairy Crest, etc) but hardly enough to empty inves tors' coffers. With little to cause investors concern as far as the outlook for corporate earnings is concerned, the few and far between.

stock market players like to believe they "buy the mys-tery, sell the history". It could be argued that all the good news has been priced into the market at this level. Certainly it is hard to see

Topping times in the market



Mark Milner

HARE dealers heading back to their desks next

inflationary pressures appear subdued for the time being. Two decisions in the past few days — by the Federal Reserve

billion clocked up in 1993.

Indeed, one school of thought in the City has it that as the return from the equity market so far is already double that of the return on cash for the entire year, the opportunity cost of being out of the market is a high one. That is fair enough. But

the Chancellor pulling an im-probable rabbit out of the hat on Budget day, could emerge to provide fresh impetus. Interest rates in the US are on hold but the next move will almost certainly ebe upwards. The German repo rate is at a historic low of 3 per cent. It is hard to see the hawks on the Bundesbank council consenting to any further reduction, whatever the domestic or ex-

ternal pressures. Then there is the way the market has risen. Three hundred points in five weeks is heady stuff, but the rate of pro-gress has been more spectacular than the volume of dealing which has underpinned it. The 4000 points level is a tempting target, but if the some analysts, at least, will

Aid in a state

T IS not entirely surprising to find Karel van Miert, the man in charge of the European Commission's competiion authority, at loggerheads with Germany's economics minister, Günter Rexrodt, over state aid. Since 1991, Germany has

provided well over DM200 bil-lion (£86 billion) in direct paysubsidised credit, making it the most generous government in the state-aid stakes. Small wonder then that Mr very hard at German support. It was the European Commission's intervention which sparked the crisis earlier this year at shipbuilder Bremer

The latest battle between Brussels and Bonn focuses on support for car maker Volkswagen from the government of Saxony. For the eastern German state the stakes are pretty high. Saxony's decision to prompted VW to revive plans to invest up to DM1 billion in plants at Chemnitz and Mosel

Germany can claim that the former East Germany is a special case; its economy is shaky, its industrial stock badly in need of investment and unemployment is running at well above the national av-

But there are other countries which can point to egions of their own where joblessness is high and the need for investment urgent. Mr van Miert argues that there needs to be discipline over state subsidies. Otherwise there is a risk of a kind of free-for-all developing. That is all very well, but Mr

hoe to make the policy stick. In some ways he has proved himself a tough commis sioner. In particular, he has cracked down on the operation of cartels in several industries. But it is one thing to slap fines on companies which can probably fork out without too much pain, and another to grasp the nettle of state aid translate into lost investment. factory closures and longer unemployment queues. Look no further than the aid allowed to several stateowned airlines or the rescue packages at France's Credit Lyonnais.
The betting must be that

sooner or later Mr van Miert and Mr Rexrodt will find the sort of "pragmatic solution" to the problem of Saxony's sup-port for VW. It is rather less likely, however, that Mr van Miert will not in future find himself confronted with competition decisions with a big political dimension or that he will always be able to resist

Clinton brands tobacco an addictive drug

Lisa Buckingham RESIDENT Clinton last night declared nic-otine an addictive drug and imposed strict limits on tobacco use by

minors.
This epidemic is no accident," he said in the White House rose garden. Flanked by youths dressed in bright red T-shirts that read, Tobacco-free kid, Mr Clinton said: "Today we are takton said: "Today we are taking direct action to protect our children from tobacco — and especially the advertising that hooks children

on a product."
Earlier, shares in BAT industries, Britain's biggest tohacco group, railied slightly despite the fact that that had confirmed that slightly despite the fact that aides had confirmed that President Clinton was to deliver the biggest blow to the cigarette industry since the link between cancer and the bink was revealed.

link between cancer and smoking was revealed. Having wiped more than 23 billion off the market value of BAT in the past fortnight. City investors began buying again once it appeared that all the bad news for tobacco groups

(B)

was in the open.
BAT shares climbed 4p to
426p even though Mr Climton's action was seen as the first step towards what tobacco groups fear could become a total ban on sales.

The White House backed away from outlawing vend-ing machines — which account for about 1 per cent of US cigarette sales — but imposed new curbs on adver-tising and decreed that the tobacco industry must fund a \$150 million (£97 million) education campaign to stop children smoking.

Cigarette advertising will also be banned from billboards within 1,000 feet of schools, and advertise-ments which appear in youth magazines will be black and white, text only.

The administration will also forbid brand-name sponsorship of sports events and intends to prohibit advertising on prod-ucts such as T-shirts and hats. Tobacco companies spend about \$5 billion a year on sponsorship, com-pared with \$500 million on

direct advertising. The curbs were announced as legal action against the tobacco firms intensified — more than 300 law suits have been lodged and 14 US states are seeking compensation for smoking-related health bills.
US commentators said Mr Clinton had stolen a cam-paign march on his Republi-

can rival for the White House, Bob Dole, who has failed to agree with the ascertion that nicotine is

EU disputes aid to Volkswagen

Stephen Bates in Brussels

sion appeared yesterday to be on a collision course with Germany after a public row between Karel van Miert, the Belgian competi-tion commissioner, and Germany economics minister Gunter Rexrodt, over state aid for Volkswagen to build a car factory in eastern Germany. A meeting between the two,

intended amicably to resolve the issue of whether Volks-

wagen was entitled to the aid, broke up with both sides say-

ing it would have to be decided by the European court.

At stake is nearly £100 mil-lion worth of aid for Volks-wagen to set up a plant in the eastern region of Saxony. The regional government has allo-HE European Commiscated nearly £40 million to the company in defiance of European Commission advice that it is illegal because it will give the company an unfair com-

petitive advantage. The German government has been drawn into the con-frontation because, although it accepts that the regional money is illegal, it argues that the company is entitled to investment aid to create em-ployment and help modernise the east German economy. It argues that the commission

At a joint press conference, a united front by the commis-sioner and the minister that they were seeking a solu-tion in "an amicable spirit of European unity" — rapidly crumbled.

Mr Van Miert said bluntly that if the state aid was allowed, European policy would disintegrate. He said: "The German government is asking for carte blanche. The do not want any discipline. The German proposal would undermine our whole aid policy, which would lead to total anarchy." It would be "the be ginning of the end for all our

agreements", he added. Mr Rexrodt retorted that the Commission had no part to play in adjudicating the mater. "The situation in the region cannot be compared with that in any other member

state," he said. At stake is the interpretation of article 32 paragraph 2c of the European treaty which allows state aid to rebuild east Germany. The article was retained in the Maastricht treaty in the knowledge that Germany would not otherwise approve it. But the Commission now says there is no case for state aid to a profitable company seven years after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Closest encounter rates a premium

Dan Atkinson seeks insurance for happenings extraterrestrial

HERE was a time in the insurance business when fortune was a woman, when double-indemnity claims had to get past Edward G Robinson and when Lloyd's nembers asked not for whom the Lutine bell toiled as long as it wasn't for them. This age of innocence

passed at 3.30pm yesterday, replaced by a new era in

which insurance men will place anxious calls to Jodrell

puzzle over whether a Dalek is likely to sign a claim form. Yes, we are no longer alone or at least, if we are, the insurers will make huge sums of money by sitting on their bottoms (no change there). A British broker is offering Europe's first policy against kidnapping by extra-terres-trials and the world's first

cover against, er, sexual viola-tion by same.

Candy Clark fell in love
with David Bowie in The Man
Who Fell to Earth back in 1976, but today she would be hot-footing it round to Goodfellow Rebecca Ingrams Pear-son (GRIP) with a claim for

Kidnapping pays out just

is not involved, no doubt fear ing that, with its recent record, a fleet of Klingon war-ships would appear from nowhere for a spot of abduc-tion and violation. Instead, £200,000, assuming, of course, she had kept up her £100

four insurers — three German and one French — are taking the business whilst remaining curiously anonymous.

Cynics will note that, with its usual perspicacity, the in-

from members of the public, not all of them in secure care

Once-adventurous Lloyd's

surers have given themselves a number of loopholes big enough to drive a starship £100,000, provided the green men have the basic decency to eturn the abductee in one through. For starters, what counts as an alien? The slave-Within 90 minutes of GRIP's workers in Stargate (1994) came originally from earth, so announcing the two new policies yesterday, it took more than 200 unsolicited inquiries

no-go there. Then there is the likelihood that any genuine aliens would simply blast everything in sight, à la Independence Day. As Tom Lehrer sang in con-templation of a nuclear war: "No one will have the endurance/ to collect on his insur-ance/ Lloyd's of London will

be loaded when they go." As, of course, will GRIP and its European colleagues who, by that point, will be wooing the invaders with competitive rates for hull cover on flying

One-2-One seeks £1bn to fight Orange

Micholas Banniste **Technology Editor**

OBILE phone opera-tor Mercury One-2-One is planning to raise up to £1 billion to help it get back on a competitive foot ing with nearest rival Orange.
The group, which raised
2600 million in November, has
since announced that it is accelerating the construction of its network to reach 95 per cent of Britain's population by

1997.

A One-2-One spokeswoman said: "We are arranging to extend our debt facility. Our current funding is £1.2 billion compared with Orange's £1.9 billion." She refused to confirm the size of the new fund-raising venture but said would probably be made

more aggressive marketing campaign. The company has lagged behind Orange in both coverage and numbers of subscribers. even though it launched its service a year and a half abead of its rival.

within a couple of weeks.

One-2-One plans to use the new funds to acquire and con-struct more base stations and

radio masts and to conduct a

Earlier this week Hans Snook, Orange's managing di-rector, disclosed that his group now had about 600,000 subscribers. One-2-One said in June it had 440,000 sub-scribers. New figures are expected to be announced in Oc-tober.

One-2-One has beefed up its banking team by appointing Citibank to act with HSBC and Paribas, who arranged the funding operation last year.

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Motor City turns on the power

MARK TRAN in Detroit hails the 'clean' production car. **but NICHOLAS BANNISTER** says capacity is still a snag

T IS named the EV1. It is powered by electricity. But far from being an updated milk-float or Sinclair C5, it is being touted as the world's most advanced car.

General Motors, which has spent \$350 million on its development, hopes to steal a march on its rivals with the two-seater. But the future of the American car industry arguably the world industry

— will be riding on the success or failure of the \$35,000

(£22,600) car. The need for such vehicles was highlighted this week when the British Government announced a crackdown on air pollution and charged local councils with drawing up plans to curb emissions The era of the clean or electric car is rapidly approaching. To underline its commit-

ment GM put the EV1, sur-

the world are racing to develop a super-effi-cient battery capable of

powering cars over long dis

But despite research cost-ing billions, the battery

still remains the biggest

its petrol-engined

"People have been

counterpart.

problem in developing an

electric car that can rival

researching this for many

tances in all weathers.

rounded by its 300-strong team, on the cover of its 1995 have scoffed at GM's huge investment, but the company be lieves it has acquired invaluable expertise in a market it has created overnight.

Competitors have voiced scepticism that GM will see any return on its six-year investment. But with its sights set on the world market, it is already working on the next generation of electric vehicles, with megacities such as Mexico City, Sao Paolo and Beijing fuelling demand for an affordable, non-polluting car. GM chairman John Smith has described the EV1 as the first ucts" for the market. Since GM announced that

the EV1 will go on sale in October, Toyota, Honda and Ford have said they will follow suit.

versity's engineering de-partment. "So we must

make the best of what we

As a result, many car

firms are looking at hybrid

vehicles - battery-powered

vehicles with a petrol en-

There have been some false dawns. "The sodium

sulphur battery was hailed as a breakthrough, but it

had to be abandoned for

road vehicles on safety

gine for long journeys.

have today.



Citroen. Next year a new ex-periment, Tulip, will test de-mand in Tours for electric But for now the EV1 holds centre-stage as it goes on sale in Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix and Tucson. It will be a warm-weather car as heating requirements in a cold cli-mate would drain too much energy. Orders have already started coming in — chat-show supremo Jay Leno says

he wants one, and several trendy LA restaurants have offered to install the battery charger in their car parks for The EV1 has the Hollywood tree-hugging celebrity market sewn up. But selling it to more ordinary folk will be tough, especially when you can buy a Cadillac or a Jeep

with the problem of how to provide the ancillary elec-

trical activities, such as beating and lighting, with-

batteries. There have been

attempts to overcome prob-

having a separate thermal store, but these are very

power to propel the vehicle, thus reducing the effective-

Researchers are looking

at ways of conserving the much smaller amount of

waste heat generated by a

out unduly draining the

lems such as heating by

eavy, requiring more

ness of the main drive

batteries.

In Europe, France has run the world's biggest trial yet for electric cars, with Peugeot-Grand Cherokee for the same The EV1 experience begins

even before you get in. No keys are needed. You punch in your code on a series of numbers by the door to unlock it. The same code starts the car. The engine is earily quiet. emitting a high-pitched whine as you accelerate. Engine noise could have been ultralow, but test drivers wanted to be able to hear it.

Acceleration is fast, reflecting the influence of the Lotus design engineers. No golf cart, the EV1 can reach 60mph in 8.5 seconds, and top speed is 80mph; its range is 70 miles for the city and 90 miles for

The EVI is powered by a Tshaped battery-pack, consist-ing of 26 12-volt lead acid modules. It takes roughly three hours to recharge the battery

battery-powered engine through better insulation.

Rechargable batteries have to be replaced every

able and processes have

been developed for dispos-

There have been signifi-

cant developments in the use of photo-voltaic cells to

harness the sun's energy, but Mr Corbett said they

Ken Lilley, of Rover's electric and hybrid car team, said the biggest chal-

were still far too costly.

ing of noxious materials.

three or four years, though

most of the parts are recycl-

using a weatherproof paddle inserted into a letterbox-type slot in the nose of the car. A 220-volt charger is ex-pected to cost \$2,000.

The EV1 will be the first car to bear the GM logo, a testa-ment to the combined effort of various company subsidiaries Including Hughes Electronics, which supplied its aerospace and defence technology expertise. GM officials say the EV1 was built more like an aircraft than a car. The chassis is made of aluminium and weighs less than 20 stones.

Many of the EV1's lightweight innovations will be incorpo-rated in GM's traditional cars. It may be asked why it has taken so long for manufacturers to come up with a commer cially viable electric car. GM,

tery's weight or size but its cost. "I do not think we are

looking at a breakthrough which will make a battery

anything like a tank of fuel,

which, in energy density terms is 50 to 100 times bet-

ter," he said. "But improve-

we can expect a range of 100

ments are being made, so

miles for a production car

rather than a prototype in

not just environmentally friendly — "they have an

False dawns on r&d road to the super battery or electric, by 1998. But pres-

the state drop its directive.
GM and others argued that a deadline would force manufacturers to start marketing electric cars, whether they were any good or not. While this sounds self-serving, GM's decision coupled with the state of California's consider ation of zero emission guide-lines many have been enough

the next five years." He said electric cars were the necessary technological breakthroughs. While most have focused on battery deve ease of operation, smoothness, quietness and plenty cians also had to come up with

the appropriate power-switch-ing devices to convert DC to AC power and feed it to the motor. That switching technology emerged from

nowered car, followed by elec-tric cars and then by petrol-burning, internal combustion motors. In a sense, history has recharged electric vehicle that won the 1987 Solar Chalenge in Australia. In preparation for the EV1's debut, GM built 30 test cars in

the cars for two weeks at a time. It found widespread ac-ceptance as a third car, suitable for running errands, where the typical 40-mile commuter trip was well within the EV1's range. Test families said if it had a 100-mile range it would definitely become the family's second car, and GM is confident that the next generation of electric cars will

T present, the EV1 is destined solely for the US market. GM has declined to talk mates for fear of losing face if the EV1 fails. But the carmaker has no illusions of high sales, and expects the EV1 to be a "low-volume vehicle" perhaps a loss leader but also a launch pad for more sophis-

ticated vehicles. "This is more than just starting the electric vehicle market for the US," said Mr Purcell. "It is the starting point for a whole range of hybrid and fuel-cell cars. This gives us the technological base for other relationship are that much farther down the cost curve and up the knowledge curve. There is no substitute for the discipline of a production programme." In an indication of GM's

long-term strategy, the EV1 has already been shipped to Beijing for test drives by senior Chinese government officials. GM chairman Jack

Smith believes that the devel-oping countries will provide excellent opportunities for a

petrol and diesel. But only

electric cars qualify as zero emission vehicles. GM displayed the first ads for EV1 during the Atlanta Olympics, appealing to con-sumers' desire for cuttingedge products. Mr Purcell be-

eemed to be five years away.

Celebs' delight . . . Hollywood tree-huggers may want one, but a green plus isn't enough, admit carmakers, to sway most American consumers

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"With the environmental pressures we face, there is a 11 cities, where families drove requirement for a clean, quiet pressed a strong interest in

vehicle. Electric cars will find their place. This will not be a short-term phenomenon," said Bob Purcell, executive direc-tor of GM Electric Vehicles. Political pressures have played their part, with California leading the campaign for cleaner cars. It applied rigor-

dards in the sixtles and seventies, and the state forced the development of catalytic confor one, has a long experience verters on exhausts, now fit-ted as standard equipment. of electric vehicle production. reaching back to its 1912

After GM announced its decision to market the EV1, California came out with emission rules requiring that 2 per cent of manufacturer's sales (20,000 cars) be zero emission, sure from the carmakers made

trucks. Indeed, at the turn of the century, the number one form of mechanised transport

in the US was the steam-

come full circle.

to create the market.
The EV1 has had to wait for

opment, engineers and techni-

cheap advanced vehicle, one step up from the motor scooter. China has already exelectric cars, for obvious reasons, and has the technical competence to sustain a mass market for them. Battery-powered cars are not the only avenue of

research for non-combustion engines. Fuel-cell cars are another form of hybrid - hywhich produces electricity to overcome battery limitations Mercedes-Benz has been experimenting with a fuel-cell car, shrinking the power system so that it fits into a normal car. There are also cars which run on compressed natural gas or liquid alternatives to

leves EV1's strongest selling point is that it finally delivers on a product that always

"What is unique about the EV1 is that it is here today and that you will be driving the world's most advanced automobile," he said. In keeping with the emphasis on the fu-turistic, it is no wonder that GM's name for its new product sounds more like an aircraft

up with anything signifi-cantly better," said Aubrey The temperatures involved would have been too high. Manufacturers are faced Corbett, of Warwick Uni-

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Sarah Whitebloom

LUNGING downmarket is an unusual and risky strategy for any retail business. When a high street bank does it, there has to be a

NatWest's latest series of television adverts — featuring an urban family's exploits in the country - are certainly a bold move away from the traditional banking industry commercials. Whether it has been Leo

McKern's solid presence or a clean-cut youth buying a flat in a trendy street, where the neighbours play saxophones on balconies, bank adverts have been aspirational, reassuring and, most of all, very middle class.

This strategy has clearly been designed to appeal to the wish for banks to be solid and prudent but nevertheless approachable.

NatWest's new flag-carrying family does not fit into this pattern.

worker who cannot spell but makes crude jokes. The mother is a housewife with dirty washing who enjoys such jokes.

The permanently bemused

son does not inspire And a Minnie Caldwell-type granny, who looks suspiciously like a man in

drag, lives with them. Whisper it quietly: they are not middle class, they probably read the Sun, watch ameshows and keep ferrets. It would be great to think NatWest was trying to say through these commercia

that it is the people's bank.
There is a huge market for such an institution — one which says; we don't care about the size of your balance but we will give you a good service and won't try to sell you our insurance, pensions,

and so on. The trouble is that NatWest is trying to say the opposite. First, the family is shown taking out a mortgage on a dream cottage with the help of NatWest and then the father buys household insurance from the bank as a herd of sheep stampede through his

On a purely superficial level, a number of questions How is the father going to get to work from the depths of

Aren't upmarket country types — the sort of people banks usually want to attract — going to be put off banking with NatWest by the thought that it is encouraging such
people to move to their rural
idyll?

Isn't the father trying to
defraud NatWest by taking out

house insurance after the sheep have done the damage? NatWest says it is a no-gloss approach — a realistic family situation.

But the bank clearly has a more serious intent and you don't have to be cynical to guess what it could be. Banks have failed miserably to get their account

holders to buy their other financial products.
This partly because the sort of middle class people that the banks have traditionally tried to attract read the personal finance pages or shop around — they don't just go to their

However, banking industry research shows that less financially astute people are more happy to treat their bank as a one-stop financial shop as NatWest's adverts are intended to illustrate. In fact, NatWest's jokey

nothing more than a new way of trying to flog products it can't sell elsewhere to those who don't know better. What next? NatWest pensions aimed at children?

everyfamily" appears

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Across

9 Meantime (7)

1 First book of the Bible (7) 8 Silent — never brought to court? (7)

10 Dark, sour cherry (7) 11 Happening (5) 13 Remove forcefully (5,4) 15 Are to cope (anag) together (9)

18 Very stupid (5) 21 Eyeglass (7) 22 Capital of former Burma (7) 23 Hates (7)

24 Extract, by distillation (7)

1 Ingrained dirt (5) 2 Sattpetre (5) 3 Injured person, needs carrying (9,4)

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23 4 Season (6) 17 Unwilling (6)

5 Half a minute! (6,7) 6 Unhealthily pale — tree (6) 7 Foolishness (6) 12 Power of rejecting

15 Amusing play (6)

16 Decorated (6)

19 Oak tree fruit (5) 20 Burn surface of (5) legislation (4) 14 Hebrew prophet (4)

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